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MEMORANDA.

Trade.—The imports during December were valued at £3,561,351, the largest for the year with the exception of September. The total imports for the year were £37,173,092, equal to £23 9s. per head of population, and show a decrease of £2,218,338, or over 5 per cent., as compared with 1907. The figures, however, show an increase of £2,507,729 as compared with 1906. The direct oversea imports amounted to £19,779,330, as compared with £20,937,351 in 1907. There were decreases in almost all the principal articles; fish, rice, agricultural implements, machines and machinery, timber, and tobacco, however, showed increases. Gold also shows a heavy falling-off.

The oversea exports for December amounted to £3,417,018, and show a decrease of £112,690, as compared with the corresponding month of last year. For the twelve months there was a decrease in the oversea exports of £6,085,377, or over 18 per cent., as compared with last year. Most of the principal articles show large decreases—Wool, £4,362,000; minerals, £1,083,000; wheat, £707,000; flour, £149,000; skins £347,000; meats, £136,000; and tallow, £110,000; horses, butter, coal, hides, and wine, however, show increases. Separating merchandise from gold, the exports of the former during the twelve months decreased by £6,985,387, but the latter increased by £900,010.

It is not at present possible to give the total exports for the year, as the Interstate movement for December is not available, but there are indications that it amounted to £41,500,000 (or to £26 3s. per head), which is about £7,000,000 less than in the preceding year. The reasons for the falling-off are decreased production, but principally a heavy drop in the prices of wool and metals.

Public Finances.—The Public Accounts for December show that the net revenue for the month was £1,268,896, or £119,878 less than in December of last year. During the six months ended 31st December the revenue was £6,737,365, being £453,713, or 6·3 per cent., less than the corresponding period of the last financial year. The principal increases in receipts during the six months were—From Land Revenue, £63,132; Railways and Tramways £132,029; and Sydney Harbour Trust, £3,424. The returns from Commonwealth revenue decreased by £373,411; and taxation, £163,262. The expenditure during December was £830,207, a decrease of £5,502 as compared with December of last year. During the six months the expenditure was £6,599,135, being £614,734, or 10·3 per cent., more than in 1907-8. Expenditure on Government Departments increased by £111,778, Business Undertakings by £403,960, and Interest payments by £13,396. On the 31st December, 1908, the balance to credit of the Consolidated Revenue Account was £1,917,404.

Shipping.—During 1908 39 less vessels entered the ports of the State, and 19 more cleared therefrom, than in 1907. The total tonnage of vessels trading with the State was 12,713,627—namely, 6,301,922 entered, and 6,411,705 cleared, both steam and sailing vessels showing considerable increases over 1907.

Railways.—The report on Railways for the quarter ended 31st December shows most satisfactory results. Compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, the earnings show an increase of £47,191, and the expenditure an increase of £84,627, due largely to increased traffic, additional re-laying, and renewals of rolling stock. Relatively, the earnings remained stationary per train mile, and the expenditure increased by 3½d. per train mile.

Wheat Harvest, 1908–09.—According to information supplied by farmers, it is estimated that 15,731,000 bushels of wheat will be cut from 1,248,755 acres, averaging 12·6 bushels per acre, and 517,760 tons of hay will be cut from 546,576 acres.

The total now estimated is about 6,575,000 bushels in excess of the production during the season 1907–8, and it is expected that, after making due allowance for local requirements, a surplus of at least 4 million bushels will be available for export.

The following statement shows, in the principal wheat-growing divisions of the State, the yield last season and that estimated to be yielded this season:—

Division.	1907–8 (Actual).		1908–9 (Estimated).	
	Cut for Grain.	Yield.	Cut for Grain.	Yield.
Coast	acres. 4,940	bushels. 23,996	acres. 4,528	bushels. 74,900
Tableland	73,939	612,308	61,103	596,300
Western Slopes	720,882	5,585,632	675,001	9,356,300
Western Plains	142,979	611,852	90,535	512,400
Riverina	445,537	2,306,188	416,481	5,186,900
Western Division	1,894	15,908	1,107	4,200
The Whole State	1,390,171	9,155,884	1,248,755	15,731,000

Gold Production.—The gold yield during December was 23,662 oz. crude, equal to 21,759 oz. fine, valued at £92,428. During the year 1908 there has been a decrease in the value of gold produced of £95,876 as compared with the year 1907.

Prices.—The index numbers show that during 1908 prices of staple products were generally 16 per cent. higher than in 1901, but over 13 per cent. lower than in 1907. The index number for all articles was 1,164; for pastoral products, 1,122; and for minerals, 1,073; compared with the basis 1,000 in 1901. Wool decreased by 18 per cent. in price during the year; the industrial metals also declined largely, from 1,461 in 1907, to 1,073 in 1908. The general index number for December was 1,131, and with the exception of July was the lowest for the year.

Land Selections.—During December 112 new settlers applied for 52,848 acres ; and 23,713 acres, representing 73 blocks, were set apart for residential settlement. For 1908 the number of new settlers was 2,410, and the area applied for 1,440,314 acres. The original area set apart for residential settlement during the year was 1,093,895 acres, representing 1,276 blocks.

Meteorology.—The rainfall experienced during the year 1908 shows that the totals over fully three-fourths of the State were generally lower than the average, the exceptions being the Hunter and Manning and North Coast districts, North Western Slope, North Western Plain, and a portion of the country west of the Darling River.

During the month of December the falls recorded over the Northern districts of the State and in various places in North East Riverina were above the average, otherwise the totals were generally low, some stations receiving little or no rain.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1897	692,090	609,690	1,301,780	22,810	1.78	1,290,375
1898	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1.64	1,312,455
1899	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1.58	1,333,605
1900	718,995	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1.53	1,354,335
1901	723,494	656,033	1,379,527	14,937	1.09	1,367,851
1902	741,234	666,385	1,407,619	28,092	2.04	1,395,299
1903	755,078	676,533	1,431,611	23,992	1.70	1,419,734
1904	773,699	687,850	1,461,549	29,938	2.09	1,446,535
1905	795,133	700,874	1,496,007	34,458	2.36	1,478,703
1906	816,590	714,394	1,530,984	34,977	2.34	1,514,390
1907	841,391	731,833	1,573,224	42,240	2.76	1,554,783
31st March, 1908	846,592	735,281	1,581,873	.....	.....	.....
30th June, 1908	847,309	737,972	1,585,281	.....	.....	.....
30th Sept., 1908	853,345	743,224	1,596,569	.....	.....	.....

The population includes 4,287 Aborigines of full-blood, of whom 2,451 are males, and 1,836 females.

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.	Marriages.	Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Numerical.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1897	8,813	18,989	18,258	8,314	5,950	22,983	17.81
1898	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	19,561	14.90
1899	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	20,560	15.42
1900	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	22,028	16.26
1901	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	21,854	15.98
1902	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	21,189	15.19
1903	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	19,469	13.71
1904	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	23,307	16.11
1905	10,970	20,206	19,295	8,709	6,269	24,523	16.58
1906	11,551	21,066	19,882	8,715	6,260	25,973	17.15
1907	12,189	21,616	20,579	9,429	6,981	25,785	16.58
Jan. to Sept., 1908...	9,429	16,057	15,521	7,020	5,062	19,496	.....
," 1907...	9,148	16,005	15,252	6,937	5,152	19,168	.....
July to Sept., 1908	2,853	5,564	5,360	2,366	1,714	6,844	.....
," 1907	2,869	5,578	5,549	2,769	2,035	6,323	.....

No. 6.—Principal Causes of Death—Nine months, January to September.

Cause of Death.	Sydney and Suburbs.						New South Wales.					
	1908.			1907.			1908.			1907.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.				
General Diseases—												
Typhoid Fever	38	30	68	40	154	99	253	136		
Measles	2	2	4	35	10	17	27	55		
Scarlet Fever	8	8	16	9	17	14	31	19		
Whooping-cough	1	2	3	205	21	33	54	485		
Diphtheria and Croup	18	13	31	34	65	46	111	117		
Influenza	9	8	17	46	48	45	93	259		
Dysentery	5	7	12	9	42	23	65	49		
Plague	2	1	3	14	2	1	3	19		
Other Epidemic Diseases	9	4	13	9	14	11	25	20		
Septicæmia	3	4	7	7	12	16	28	36		
Tuberculosis—Lungs	163	153	316	317	411	359	770	725		
Other Organs	32	30	62	48	66	56	122	106		
General	17	10	27	35	49	27	76	79		
Syphilis	18	11	29	10	30	20	50	30		
Cancer	180	201	381	369	415	391	806	815		
Rheumatism	7	17	24	24	32	49	81	68		
Diabetes	22	21	43	48	42	48	90	103		
Exophthalmic Goitre	2	6	8	6	3	11	14	11		
Anæmia	13	14	27	27	33	36	69	49		
Other General Diseases	12	17	29	32	47	25	72	85		
Local Diseases—												
Meningitis	28	22	50	50	59	49	108	116		
Diseases of Spinal Cord	23	8	31	21	62	21	83	57		
Hæmorrhage, &c., of Brain	96	83	179	205	231	172	403	470		
General Paralysis	30	2	32	40	44	4	48	58		
Convulsions (under 5)	17	15	32	39	80	64	144	167		
Other Nervous Diseases	54	43	97	76	183	135	318	238		
Endocarditis	32	25	57	35	62	46	108	75		
Organic Diseases of Heart	228	188	416	396	641	420	1,061	945		
Other Diseases Circulatory System	52	36	88	66	120	69	189	170		
Bronchitis	73	80	153	191	200	175	375	519		
Pneumonia, Broncho-pneumonia	139	93	232	323	370	258	628	813		
Other Diseases Respiratory System	38	37	75	57	119	90	209	177		
Diseases of Stomach	18	22	40	46	56	56	112	117		
Diarrhœa and Enteritis (under 2)	184	141	325	273	440	349	789	652		
" (over 2)	32	39	71	50	134	100	234	187		
Intestinal Obstruction	17	19	36	34	58	45	103	84		
Cirrhosis of Liver	22	16	38	32	61	32	93	76		
Appendicitis	23	16	39	48	62	33	95	102		
Other Diseases Digestive System	38	32	70	59	105	100	205	173		
Nephritis	157	102	259	236	324	191	515	447		
Other Diseases Urinary System	38	5	43	50	125	13	138	144		
Diseases of Genital Organs	20	26	32	...	38	38	38	43		
Puerperal Condition	90	90	74	...	223	223	180			
Diseases of Skin	16	9	25	27	35	41	76	52		
Diseases of Bones, &c.	13	2	15	13	27	8	35	18		
Congenital Malformations	15	12	27	37	42	29	71	80		
Diseases of Infancy	177	134	311	326	472	366	838	877		
Old Age	108	104	212	197	516	299	815	729		
Violence—												
Suicide	37	12	49	33	117	19	136	117		
Accidents	144	56	200	165	523	179	702	606		
Other External Violence	13	3	16	13	22	8	30	34		
Not Classed (Open Verdict)	11	2	13	13	40	5	45	32		
Ill-defined Causes	32	34	66	67	177	98	275	268		
Total	2,466	2,067	4,533	4,648	7,020	5,062	12,082	12,089		

Mean annual Death-rate per 1,000 of Population—
Sydney and Suburbs.1903-1907 10·87 10·54
1908 10·47 10·36

No. 7.—Principal Articles Imported, 1907 and 1906.

Article.	1907.			1906.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
Ale and Beer	46,830	145,028	191,858	35,763	118,229	153,992
Animals, Living	1,877,934	60,210	1,938,144	1,471,482	59,621	1,531,103
Apparel and Attire	463,191	990,981	1,454,172	362,464	889,733	1,252,197
Piece Goods	323,136	3,126,716	3,449,852	239,411	2,710,081	2,949,492
Boots and Shoes	245,759	132,891	378,650	182,122	115,381	297,503
Cordage and Twines	32,754	54,046	86,800	41,668	39,611	81,279
Drugs and Chemicals	55,614	243,865	299,479	22,461	158,052	180,513
Fish—all kinds	35,100	126,841	161,941	20,914	98,577	119,491
Fruits and Vegetables	442,810	139,762	582,572	365,528	105,559	471,087
Furniture	52,816	117,172	169,988	35,546	97,782	133,328
Glass and Glassware	28,723	165,477	194,200	23,649	113,189	136,838
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	3,405,937	1,048,343	4,454,280	3,529,330	1,586,999	5,116,329
Hats and Caps	83,484	178,561	262,045	74,803	151,809	226,612
Implements, &c—Agricultural	117,986	101,741	219,727	172,296	79,101	251,397
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	35,812	369,716	405,528	19,271	311,445	330,716
Galvanized Sheet	49,014	398,722	447,736	38,814	296,066	334,880
Leather	118,139	181,209	299,348	125,281	168,956	294,237
Machines and Machinery ...	402,418	1,301,124	1,703,542	276,803	800,353	1,077,156
Metal Manufactures—Free ...	78,789	901,235	980,024	78,396	780,596	858,992
Dutiable	166,583	575,660	742,243	136,854	427,747	564,601
Oil—Kerosene	16,996	153,014	170,010	11,655	111,785	123,440
Spirits—all kinds	92,344	455,853	548,197	74,930	330,171	405,101
Sugar	789,352	45,783	835,135	883,235	190,466	1,073,701
Tea	48,090	512,056	560,746	37,435	381,069	418,504
Timber	263,679	652,317	915,996	187,332	526,413	713,745
Tobacco, Cigars, &c. ...	144,939	354,705	499,644	141,585	258,371	399,956
Wool	1,685,715	7,013	1,692,728	1,469,328	1,385	1,470,713
All other Articles	7,491,860	8,319,750	15,811,610	7,003,504	6,694,956	13,698,460
Total	£ 18,595,804	20,860,391	39,456,195	17,061,860	17,603,503	34,665,363

No. 8.—Principal Articles Exported, 1907 and 1906.

Article.	1907.				1906.	
	Quantity.		Value.		Interstate.	Oversea.
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.		
Animals, Living ... ...	.....	.....	2,620,804	95,347	2,408,436	92,210
Butter lb.	2,905,196	18,829,626	132,536	81,270	48,676	1,003,423
Coal tons	1,785,843	2,644,507	970,765	1,297,530	891,446	892,170
Copper, Ingots, & Matte	cwt.	1,271	406,961	4,836	1,613,218	5,031
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	.....	.....	625,604	2,664,070	685,772	5,932,214
Grain—Wheat cental	874,590	3,036,810	214,465	798,901	257,265	689,918
Flour "	449,305	777,876	188,668	319,662	177,051	285,482
Lead—Pig, and Matte	cwt.	2,870,655	1,501,953	1,953,742	1,320,025	1,388,945
Leather ... ...	.....	.....	138,270	300,520	133,222	329,267
Meats—Mutton and Lamb	lb.	6,167,052	55,831,419	73,360	614,996	75,035
Rabbits and Hares* ...	216,144	6,986,466	1,963	301,115	1,704	246,803
Oil—Cocoanut	cwt.	5,440	119,276	10,247	195,816	4,406
Ores "	27,161	169,062	8,075	298,314	9,070	277,959
Silver Bullion, &c.	oz.	6,620,071	3,343,122	628,299	429,084	506,912
Silver-lead Bullion	cwt.	.....	.....	.....	.....	655,011
Silver and Silver-lead Ore	"	679,261	797,251	138,103	430,860	94,980
Skins—Hides	No.	65,697	197,239	79,098	189,010	86,975
Sheep "	643,283	3,943,123	132,220	502,893	90,618	403,166
Rabbit and Hare	lb.	1,108,602	6,981,362	31,395	214,741	23,669
Other ... ...	.....	.....	9,232	286,664	4,718	415,678
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	cwt.	3,829,934	958,151	371,164	158,476	239,510
Tallow "	29,056	358,377	29,371	539,976	20,930	470,023
Timber ... ...	.....	.....	40,623	342,045	41,853	352,622
Tin, Ingots	cwt.	221	85,268	1,924	727,333	1,456
Wool—Greasy and Scoured	lb.	61,113,842	298,651,930	2,632,344	16,219,020	3,240,935
All other Articles ... ...	.....	.....	4,843,797	2,224,187	4,212,541	1,901,420
Total ... ...	£ .....	.....	15,880,905	32,894,073	14,651,156	30,986,888

* Quantity—Interstate expressed in pounds; oversea in pairs.

No. 9.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
1897 ...	£ 8,972,854	£ 12,771,496	£ 21,744,350	£ 7,788,077	£ 15,962,995	£ 23,751,072
1898 ...	£ 11,721,033	£ 12,732,527	£ 24,453,560	£ 8,162,429	£ 19,485,588	£ 27,648,117
1899 ...	£ 10,868,437	£ 14,725,878	£ 25,594,315	£ 8,862,274	£ 19,583,192	£ 28,445,466
1900 ...	£ 10,164,080	£ 17,396,991	£ 27,561,071	£ 9,979,214	£ 18,185,302	£ 28,164,516
1901 ...	£ 9,368,011	£ 17,560,207	£ 26,928,218	£ 9,140,497	£ 18,210,625	£ 27,351,122
1902 ...	£ 10,949,675	£ 15,024,535	£ 25,974,210	£ 7,568,922	£ 15,975,129	£ 23,544,051
1903 ...	£ 12,792,252	£ 13,977,917	£ 26,770,169	£ 7,876,898	£ 18,941,161	£ 26,818,059
1904 ...	£ 14,152,101	£ 13,133,857	£ 27,285,958	£ 9,918,050	£ 23,086,484	£ 33,004,534
1905 ...	£ 14,938,885	£ 14,485,123	£ 29,424,008	£ 12,263,472	£ 24,518,534	£ 36,782,006
1906 ...	£ 17,061,860	£ 17,603,503	£ 34,665,363	£ 14,651,156	£ 30,986,888	£ 45,638,044
1907 ...	£ 18,595,804	£ 20,860,391	£ 39,456,195	£ 15,880,905	£ 32,894,073	£ 48,774,978

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1908.			1907.			Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
January ...	£ 917,216	£ 1,756,542	£ 2,673,758	£ 1,499,770	£ 1,560,746	£ 3,060,516	(—) 386,758
February ...	£ 1,182,813	£ 1,898,371	£ 3,081,184	£ 1,213,964	£ 1,805,776	£ 3,019,740	(+) 61,444
March ...	£ 939,573	£ 1,760,935	£ 2,699,608	£ 1,282,876	£ 1,548,164	£ 2,831,040	(—) 131,432
April ...	£ 1,075,968	£ 1,570,902	£ 2,646,870	£ 924,064	£ 1,830,097	£ 2,754,161	(—) 107,291
May ...	£ 1,228,323	£ 1,384,675	£ 2,612,998	£ 1,396,169	£ 1,980,428	£ 3,376,597	(—) 763,599
June ...	£ 1,055,710	£ 1,779,191	£ 2,834,901	£ 1,137,839	£ 1,646,944	£ 2,784,783	(+) 50,118
July ...	£ 1,133,123	£ 2,109,144	£ 3,242,267	£ 1,086,784	£ 2,084,514	£ 3,171,298	(+) 70,969
August ...	£ 1,451,259	£ 2,048,497	£ 3,499,756	£ 1,877,577	£ 1,894,772	£ 3,772,349	(—) 272,593
September ...	£ 1,896,055	£ 1,862,793	£ 3,758,858	£ 1,208,138	£ 2,403,109	£ 3,611,247	(+) 147,611
October ...	£ 1,349,815	£ 1,771,222	£ 3,121,037	£ 1,594,464	£ 2,008,090	£ 3,602,554	(—) 481,517
November ...	£ 1,574,676	£ 1,865,828	£ 3,440,504	£ 1,644,591	£ 2,024,125	£ 3,668,716	(—) 228,212
December ...	£ 1,692,423	£ 1,868,928	£ 3,561,351	£ 1,379,585	£ 2,358,844	£ 3,738,429	(—) 177,078
Total (12 mt's) £	£ 15,496,964	£ 21,676,128	£ 37,173,092	£ 16,245,821	£ 23,145,609	£ 39,391,430	(—) 2,218,338

No. 11.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

Month.	1908.			1907.			Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	
January ...	£ 1,452,638	£ 811,008	£ 2,263,646	£ 3,486,107	£ 1,024,953	£ 4,511,060	(—) 2,247,414
February ...	£ 3,105,116	£ 839,753	£ 3,944,869	£ 3,193,924	£ 1,031,359	£ 4,225,283	(—) 280,414
March ...	£ 2,250,788	£ 888,745	£ 3,139,533	£ 3,383,427	£ 882,880	£ 4,266,307	(—) 1,126,774
April ...	£ 1,698,615	£ 953,725	£ 2,652,340	£ 2,002,802	£ 988,690	£ 2,991,492	(—) 339,152
May ...	£ 1,625,290	£ 997,974	£ 2,623,264	£ 1,862,384	£ 1,024,518	£ 2,886,902	(—) 263,638
June ...	£ 1,712,681	£ 925,071	£ 2,637,752	£ 1,927,063	£ 952,170	£ 2,879,233	(—) 241,481
July ...	£ 1,570,784	£ 1,096,815	£ 2,667,599	£ 1,609,860	£ 1,069,606	£ 2,679,466	(—) 11,867
August ...	£ 1,591,680	£ 1,078,649	£ 2,070,329	£ 1,792,539	£ 1,240,307	£ 3,032,846	(—) 362,517
September ...	£ 2,300,867	£ 1,611,214	£ 3,912,081	£ 2,369,518	£ 1,899,401	£ 4,268,919	(—) 356,838
October ...	£ 2,701,501	£ 1,910,217	£ 4,611,718	£ 3,737,052	£ 1,819,260	£ 5,556,312	(—) 944,594
November ...	£ 3,451,771	£ 1,442,919	£ 4,894,690	£ 4,069,742	£ 2,351,181	£ 6,420,923	(—) 1,526,233
December ...	£ 3,417,018	* .....	.....	£ 3,529,708	£ 1,345,626	£ 4,875,334	(—) 112,690†
Total (12 mths) £	£ 26,878,749	.....	.....	£ 32,964,126	£ 15,629,951	£ 48,594,077	(—) 6,085,377†

* Not yet available.

† Oversea only.

No. 12.—Principal Articles Imported during December, and during the twelve months January to December.

Article.	1908.			1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
December.						
Ale and Beer	£ 4,308	£ 16,655	£ 20,963	£ 4,041	£ 16,275	£ 20,316
Animals	415,718	1,715	417,433	52,515	1,304	53,819
Apparel and Soft Goods	35,127	229,537	264,664	40,038	352,273	392,311
Boots and Shoes	25,200	8,326	33,526	33,615	14,790	48,411
Cordage and Twines	2,354	20,705	23,059	2,694	32,038	34,732
Drugs and Chemicals ... ...	.....	21,458	21,458	6,130	39,007	46,037
Fish—all kinds	1,403	48,645	50,048	1,228	34,647	35,875
Fruits—Dried	3,858	15,586	19,444	4,261	13,155	17,416
Fresh	16,745	12,713	29,458	18,602	15,473	34,075
Furniture ... ...	.....	4,455	4,455	4,584	13,492	18,076
Glass and Glassware ... ...	.....	10,574	10,574	1,490	18,686	20,176
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	182,189	7,329	189,518	152,787	15,164	167,951
Grain—Rice ... ...	.....	15,379	15,379	.....	16,444	16,444
Hats and Caps	4,916	9,891	14,807	4,249	17,220	21,409
Implements—Agricultural ...	11,850	16,990	28,840	7,201	18,508	25,709
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. ...	396	30,630	31,026	164	39,079	39,243
Galvanized Sheet	.....	25,892	25,892	.....	44,348	44,348
Leather	12,097	9,610	21,707	5,663	10,556	16,219
Machines and Machinery	9,129	137,824	146,953	16,860	157,717	174,577
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable ...	10,957	54,928	55,885	509	77,256	77,765
Free ...	311	73,268	73,579	11,224	79,598	99,822
Oil—Kerosene ... ...	.....	5,710	5,710	.....	10,938	10,938
Spirits	7,951	107,192	115,143	8,858	86,148	95,006
Sugar	66,054	18,157	84,211	141,366	28,917	170,283
Tea ... ... ...	.....	42,997	42,997	.....	48,159	48,159
Timber	9,929	67,018	76,947	13,176	72,511	83,687
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	12,358	58,125	70,483	10,026	39,244	49,270
Wine	6,123	4,742	10,805	5,219	7,647	12,866
Wool	124,213	1,807	126,020	254,838	1,240	256,078
Other Articles	720,237	791,070	1,520,307	578,247	1,936,104	1,614,231
Total	£ 1,692,423	1,868,928	3,561,351	1,370,885	2,358,844	3,738,429
January to December.						
Ale and Beer	26,246	162,348	188,594	27,060	160,158	193,818
Animals	1,926,334	66,808	1,993,142	1,735,813	60,653	1,796,466
Apparel and Soft Goods	381,459	4,087,923	4,469,412	463,800	5,278,242	5,742,042
Boots and Shoes	228,303	130,490	358,793	234,905	164,445	399,350
Cordage and Twines ...	17,950	265,364	283,414	30,220	301,557	331,807
Drugs and Chemicals ... ...	.....	310,464	310,464	45,884	406,934	452,878
Fish—all kinds	8,409	216,893	225,302	14,437	162,379	176,816
Fruits—Dried	45,469	48,728	94,197	98,498	65,926	104,424
Fresh	284,638	86,367	371,005	233,390	70,018	309,408
Furniture ... ...	.....	77,724	77,724	43,190	127,351	170,541
Glass and Glassware ... ...	.....	156,691	156,691	14,789	184,571	199,360
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	2,415,255	620,834	3,036,089	3,400,846	1,053,345	4,454,194
Grain—Rice ... ...	.....	120,510	120,510	.....	116,471	116,471
Hats and Caps	77,127	153,742	230,869	62,044	263,118	325,162
Implements—Agricultural ...	103,080	137,440	240,520	92,492	135,431	227,923
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. ...	3,753	361,351	365,104	1,826	308,358	400,184
Galvanized Sheet	.....	397,686	397,686	.....	445,367	445,369
Leather	93,670	150,650	244,320	95,548	195,149	290,097
Machines and Machinery	102,929	1,630,117	1,733,046	1,80,541	1,518,005	1,698,546
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable ...	102,711	672,980	775,691	13,076	998,147	1,011,223
Free ...	3742	782,185	785,927	103,727	752,313	856,040
Oil—Kerosene ... ...	.....	113,355	113,355	.....	169,530	169,530
Spirits	46,758	501,554	548,312	46,399	504,116	550,515
Sugar	608,161	202,282	810,443	780,854	51,497	832,351
Tea ... ... ...	.....	499,623	499,623	.....	561,204	561,204
Timber	173,132	785,380	958,512	127,952	768,306	896,348
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	124,631	408,562	533,193	115,100	390,222	505,622
Wine	52,939	55,776	108,715	45,449	52,408	97,848
Wool	1,532,969	4,673	1,537,642	1,677,935	7,013	1,684,946
Other Articles	7,137,269	8,466,628	15,603,807	6,559,457	7,770,890	14,330,347
Total	£ 15,496,964	21,676,128	37,173,002	10,245,821	23,145,009	39,391,430

No. 13.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during December, and during the twelve months January to December.

Article.	1908.				1907.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.
December.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	656	656	£ 16,516	£ 16,516	367	367	£ 12,338	£ 12,338
Butter lb.	3,075,221	3,075,221	128,254	128,254	2,164,170	2,164,170	94,685	94,685
Coal ton	272,867	272,867	139,950	139,950	365,408	365,408	173,620	173,620
Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt.	25,962	25,962	75,951	75,951	30,173	30,173	102,141	102,141
Fruits—Fresh cwt.	3,714	3,764	3,221	3,271	4,907	6,160	3,904	5,185
Gold—Coined, Uncoinied	.....	.....	117,370	117,370	.....	.....	206,894	206,894
Grain—Wheat... ... cwt.	60,692	60,692	22,791	22,791	1,058	1,058	234	234
Flour "	24,377	24,377	11,434	11,434	22,143	22,143	11,615	11,615
Lead cwt.	192,913	192,913	127,088	127,088	163,075	163,075	103,346	103,346
Leather ... ...	.....	.....	32,428	32,934	.....	.....	30,894	33,659
Meats—Beef lb.	397,769	397,769	4,336	4,336	32,440	32,440	512	512
Mutton & Lamb ,,	8,206,755	8,200,755	94,278	94,278	7,174,535	7,174,535	71,317	71,317
Rabbits & Hares pair	254,050	254,650	11,117	11,117	185,310	185,310	7,265	7,265
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	987,692	995,774	17,759	17,948	678,825	679,215	12,824	12,848
Oil—Cocoanut cwt.	7,587	7,587	10,274	10,274	45,102	45,102	67,459	67,459
Ores, Spelter, &c. ...	.....	.....	66,527	66,503	.....	.....	81,070	87,470
Silver Bullion oz.	353,593	353,593	35,421	35,421	438,281	438,281	49,035	49,035
Skins—Hides No.	31,086	31,086	24,112	24,112	19,811	19,811	16,426	16,426
Sheep "	318,283	318,283	43,624	43,624	321,056	321,056	44,491	44,491
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	144,265	153,505	6,118	6,583	256,263	256,263	8,894	8,894
Other ...	.....	.....	49,272	49,272	.....	.....	21,411	21,411
Tallow cwt.	39,802	39,827	55,407	55,424	36,616	36,616	50,585	50,585
Timber ... ...	.....	.....	35,035	36,258	.....	.....	30,135	31,882
Tin, Ingots cwt.	7,478	7,478	49,543	49,543	5,767	5,767	35,813	35,813
Wine gal.	3,420	3,710	963	1,474	5,288	5,510	1,678	2,002
Wool lb.	54,724,829	54,724,829	2,039,285	2,039,285	37,267,165	37,267,165	2,022,749	2,022,749
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	88,145	195,929	.....	.....	82,412	255,826
Total ... ... £	.....	.....	3,306,219	3,417,018	.....	.....	3,343,753	3,529,708
January to December.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	5,519	5,519	84,129	84,129	2,272	2,272	08,865	68,865
Butter lb.	18,542,770	18,542,770	875,671	875,671	18,829,626	18,829,626	810,270	810,270
Coal ton	2,548,366	2,548,366	1,346,409	1,346,409	2,644,507	2,644,507	1,297,534	1,297,534
Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt.	3,794,20	356,420	1,051,711	1,051,711	406,959	406,959	1,623,218	1,623,218
Fruits—Fresh cwt.	50,015	51,353	37,377	38,736	83,290	85,049	49,952	53,463
Gold—Coined, Uncoinied	.....	.....	3,553,994	3,553,234	.....	.....	2,663,224	2,663,224
Grain—Wheat... ... cwt.	248,114	248,114	92,621	92,621	3,036,812	3,036,812	799,902	799,902
Flour "	354,331	354,331	170,382	170,382	778,482	778,595	319,754	319,754
Lead cwt.	1,861,273	1,861,434	1,184,657	1,184,775	1,505,885	1,506,694	1,324,648	1,325,323
Leather...	.....	.....	281,951	294,289	.....	.....	288,671	300,348
Meats—Beef lb.	725,823	725,823	9,069	9,069	2,131,839	2,131,839	24,405	24,405
Mutton & Lamb ,,	44,626,353	44,626,353	522,232	522,232	55,831,419	55,831,419	614,996	614,996
Rabbits & Hares pair	5,710,326	5,710,326	247,254	247,254	6,986,466	6,986,466	301,115	301,115
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	7,289,361	7,305,150	138,418	138,945	6,111,546	6,116,086	113,022	113,252
Oil—Cocoanut... ... cwt.	79,201	79,207	105,388	105,402	114,949	114,955	195,629	195,816
Ores, Spelter, &c. ...	.....	.....	724,619	728,114	.....	.....	888,885	897,971
Silver Bullion oz.	3,879,433	3,895,611	397,058	398,858	3,396,722	3,402,419	427,469	428,150
Skins—Hides No.	281,887	281,887	206,995	206,995	196,843	197,239	187,210	188,010
Sheep "	2,452,884	2,453,109	287,379	287,404	3,939,446	3,943,123	502,672	502,893
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	3,011,662	3,020,902	138,022	139,087	6,981,362	6,981,362	254,741	254,741
Other ...	.....	.....	251,823	252,067	.....	.....	286,644	286,664
Tallow cwt.	314,613	314,681	429,663	429,758	358,265	358,377	539,836	539,976
Timber ... ...	.....	.....	289,000	307,635	.....	.....	314,674	334,283
Tin, Ingots cwt.	76,584	76,584	505,787	505,787	85,281	85,281	727,448	727,448
Wine gal.	66,349	66,349	16,162	20,669	47,492	51,024	12,191	17,114
Wool lb.	276,961,672	276,961,672	11,857,159	11,857,159	298,651,930	298,651,930	16,219,020	16,219,020
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	936,351	2,020,357	.....	.....	036,453	2,057,271
Total ... ... £	.....	.....	25,750,981	26,878,749	.....	.....	31,792,396	32,964,120

NOTE.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of oversea origin re-exported.

No. 14.—Outward Interstate Transfers during November, and during the eleven months January to November.

NOTE.—The figures for December, 1908, are not yet available.

Article.	1908.			1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
November.						
Animals—Live	302,495	158	302,653	468,109	.....	468,109
Apparel and Soft Goods	8,973	26,996	35,969	15,116	29,745	44,861
Biscuits	6,536	1	6,537	6,380	4	6,384
Boots and Shoes—Leather	14,568	1,597	16,165	13,543	1,944	15,487
Butter	3,669	.....	3,669	2,221	.....	2,221
Cement	4,233	22	4,255	4,206	3	4,209
Coal	59,899	.....	59,899	76,324	.....	76,324
Fruits—Fresh	10,996	1,759	12,755	15,471	654	16,125
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	52,207	.....	52,207	42,316	.....	42,316
Grain—Wheat	4,246	.....	4,246	3,096	.....	3,096
Flour	19,058	6	19,064	22,246	13	22,259
Hats and Caps	4,278	3,620	7,898	4,407	4,256	8,663
Leather	4,134	1,569	5,703	5,715	3,524	9,239
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	6,885	4,829	11,714	8,501	5,924	14,425
Free	6,768	4,525	11,293	1,100	2,122	3,222
Potatoes	1,583	.....	1,583	3,524	.....	3,524
Skins and Hides	11,542	.....	11,542	29,590	70	29,660
Soap	3,417	.....	3,417	5,275	.....	5,275
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	7,864	1	7,865	65,107	.....	65,107
Spirits	1,852	7,343	9,195	1,713	7,873	9,586
Sugar	22,201	.....	22,201	18,441	663	19,104
Tea	.....	8,821	8,821	.....	7,695	7,695
Timber	4,633	437	5,070	1,928	954	2,882
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	18,912	1,023	19,935	25,030	2,661	27,691
Wool	409,014	.....	409,014	579,596	.....	579,596
Other Articles	275,009	115,240	390,249	727,178	136,943	864,121
Total	£ 1,264,972	177,947	£ 1,442,919	2,146,133	205,048	2,351,181
January to November.						
Animals—Live	1,612,391	5,993	1,618,384	2,076,046	2,139	2,078,185
Apparel and Soft Goods	1,0774	327,201	477,975	154,182	353,628	508,110
Biscuits	56,210	52	56,262	55,022	189	55,211
Boots and Shoes—Leather	132,783	19,377	152,160	133,577	21,275	154,852
Butter	347,606	.....	347,606	131,532	2	131,534
Cement	41,001	239	41,240	49,511	506	50,017
Coal	966,258	105	966,423	900,871	.....	900,871
Fruits—Fresh	104,396	4,584	108,980	117,799	5,850	123,649
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	381,384	108	381,492	427,292	.....	427,292
Grain—Wheat	65,080	.....	65,080	200,250	25	200,275
Flour	177,328	127	177,455	164,328	444	164,772
Hats and Caps	39,988	30,392	70,380	36,587	34,785	71,372
Leather	59,586	54,962	114,548	73,579	57,679	131,258
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	92,843	85,907	178,750	68,831	59,813	128,644
Free	34,924	36,762	71,686	17,999	33,339	51,338
Potatoes	38,792	.....	38,792	28,001	.....	28,001
Skins and Hides	142,317	78	142,395	197,010	237	197,247
Soap	42,378	61	42,439	46,458	28	46,486
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	412,844	1	412,845	319,483	13	319,496
Spirits	19,288	82,577	101,865	17,079	76,736	93,815
Sugar	237,812	12,416	250,228	205,099	3,995	209,094
Tea	.....	96,495	96,495	.....	103,405	103,405
Timber	56,147	7,393	63,540	29,312	6,733	36,045
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	204,807	18,295	223,102	199,244	27,778	227,022
Wool	2,006,837	.....	2,006,837	2,347,359	.....	2,347,359
Other Articles	3,037,110	1,312,021	4,349,131	4,122,075	1,376,300	5,498,975
Total	£ 10,400,884	2,095,206	£ 12,556,090	£ 12,119,426	£ 1,164,899	£ 14,284,325

No. 15.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
1907.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	1,865,889	272,066	172,610	189,093	112,331	132,792	70,939
February ...	1,817,098	269,583	122,692	163,793	67,696	158,748	98,419
March ...	1,889,287	139,933	148,573	205,818	170,184	128,970	65,754
April ...	801,336	108,443	61,474	229,009	108,137	118,760	69,964
May ...	351,413	72,016	32,872	456,983	115,633	180,440	111,292
June ...	401,198	52,269	3,551	431,925	111,361	167,514	135,289
July ...	355,256	45,779	10,926	177,833	110,417	159,571	99,875
August ...	352,263	55,027	19,485	213,924	128,713	127,016	133,457
September ...	1,148,653	40,785	34,199	159,935	134,325	132,058	112,351
October ...	2,354,234	37,574	60,207	108,252	96,793	117,157	131,048
November ...	2,859,644	13,280	48,996	122,765	128,230	98,051	95,520
December ...	2,021,564	11,849	94,685	206,894	103,346	102,141	173,626
1908.							
January ...	378,725	30,960	205,356	150,436	66,160	90,561	112,830
February ...	1,986,483	17,624	109,676	191,865	62,177	93,347	140,959
March ...	1,052,036	38,408	127,056	218,584	100,749	91,933	130,860
April ...	529,876	15,240	74,115	432,176	68,544	70,699	103,589
May ...	325,860	17,371	8,370	490,211	78,327	88,408	117,360
June ...	504,116	14,654	4,183	357,975	104,589	87,962	122,493
July ...	412,483	17,592	3,976	374,776	83,470	81,195	93,984
August ...	353,029	14,981	5,547	319,036	99,093	96,182	90,468
September ...	747,541	16,595	24,863	550,616	115,312	92,603	103,651
October ...	1,385,343	32,937	77,250	201,044	118,827	117,542	79,428
November ...	2,142,382	12,416	107,025	159,005	160,321	66,228	110,837
December ...	2,039,285	34,225	128,254	117,370	127,088	75,951	139,950

No. 16.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage entered.		Tonnage cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1897 ...	2,563	3,258,461	2,652	3,358,933	2,562,513	695,948	2,618,385	740,548
1898 ...	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899 ...	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900 ...	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901 ...	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902 ...	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903 ...	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904 ...	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905 ...	2,725	4,697,511	2,694	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,042,703	641,405
1906 ...	2,893	5,283,719	2,883	5,275,031	4,659,821	623,898	4,658,235	616,796
1907 ...	3,238	6,070,953	3,205	6,009,282	5,257,019	813,934	5,228,469	780,813
1908 ...	3,199	6,301,922	3,224	6,411,705	5,819,337	482,535	5,845,351	566,354
Dec., 1908	299	591,510	235	578,941	559,473	32,037	548,470	30,471
,, 1907	270	525,599	309	606,885	476,619	48,980	534,111	52,774

No. 17.—Trade with Principal Countries.

Country.	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1905.	1907.
Imports.						
Australian States	7,595,806	10,049,648	6,758,140	10,164,080	14,938,885	18,595,804
United Kingdom	11,985,597	8,628,007	6,420,107	9,923,117	8,002,288	12,474,736
Canada...	.....	18,784	61,742	114,321	73,443	200,173
Fiji	192,540	99,853	27,890	60,831	43,232	97,373
Hongkong	340,187	271,730	181,529	67,928	89,351	117,046
India and Ceylon	134,909	239,070	306,932	601,741	717,948	1,059,919
New Zealand	899,623	932,073	563,528	1,348,605	1,369,001	1,604,868
South Africa	290	55	34	1,013	5,254	6,374
Straits Settlements	40,913	27,148	14,074	40,391	82,830	119,167
Other British Possessions	109,850	6,685	18,820	118,929	67,167	103,916
Total, British Countries	21,299,715	20,273,053	14,352,796	22,440,956	25,989,399	34,379,376
Belgium	195,318	130,819	150,288	147,661	222,994	504,268
China	303,595	241,840	133,870	190,456	28,631	39,188
France	345,231	117,871	76,663	270,084	138,028	146,717
Germany	372,557	639,475	425,697	1,105,664	864,289	1,199,415
Italy	1,311	23,961	39,563	92,732	73,757	121,294
Japan	1,242	22,040	28,179	122,041	145,257	235,179
New Caledonia	82,181	83,920	28,345	28,509	18,399	43,071
Philippine Islands	715	4,414	15,211	49,240	27,854	30,357
South Sea Islands	36,929	40,214	54,436	107,488	103,142	145,836
United States	1,008,572	859,102	624,268	2,557,961	1,636,069	2,335,409
Other Foreign Countries	90,095	178,295	63,099	448,279	176,189	276,085
Total, Foreign Countries	2,437,746	2,341,951	1,639,619	5,120,115	3,434,609	5,076,819
Total, All Countries	23,737,461	22,615,004	15,992,415	27,561,071	29,424,008	39,456,195
Exports.						
Australian States	6,567,084	10,990,593	7,104,812	9,979,190	12,263,472	15,880,905
United Kingdom	7,293,133	6,623,431	9,371,418	8,273,272	10,222,422	13,687,977
Canada	.....	10	16,804	66,403	41,520	105,893
Fiji	128,643	98,951	86,420	183,579	245,152	318,171
Hongkong	246,032	255,050	141,976	218,986	424,460	482,219
India and Ceylon	130,597	257,360	56,462	174,296	1,330,189	1,131,781
New Zealand	369,055	294,138	486,173	826,662	934,661	1,480,461
South Africa	.....	1,014	3,266	755,487	371,727	430,869
Straits Settlements	29,190	34,347	24,507	39,898	95,995	218,866
Other British Possessions	30,318	27,469	31,268	49,586	89,969	87,351
Total, British Countries	14,794,052	18,582,363	17,323,106	20,567,359	26,019,567	33,824,493
Belgium	399,549	1,011,846	780,826	620,349	1,787,163	3,531,502
China	21,114	1,037	7,943	68,004	318,159	217,368
France	142,104	233,924	1,436,122	1,024,300	3,570,246	4,475,962
Germany	29,511	404,280	1,141,661	844,504	2,771,396	3,685,469
Italy	1,769	24,498	63,509	61,132	176,770	145,211
Japan	2,758	7,156	54,242	133,989	377,451	486,083
New Caledonia	153,094	193,396	71,344	179,761	135,446	114,918
Philippine Islands	.....	16,410	18,603	88,043	183,853	311,301
South Sea Islands	68,854	45,290	68,713	126,834	141,381	140,262
United States	985,531	1,300,375	683,606	3,981,242	602,145	811,942
Other Foreign Countries	151,771	225,362	285,110	468,999	698,429	1,030,467
Total, Foreign Countries	1,956,055	3,463,574	4,611,679	7,597,157	10,762,439	14,950,485
Total, All Countries	16,750,107	22,045,937	21,934,785	28,164,516	36,782,006	48,774,978

No. 18.—State Revenue, December, and six months, July to December.

(Advances recovered are not included.)

Source of Revenue.	December.		Increase or Decrease (-)	July to December.		Increase or Decrease (-)
	1907.	1908.		1907-8.	1908-9.	
Governmental—						
Surplus Commonwealth Revenue ...	£ 356,609	£ 251,718	(-) 104,891	£ 1,996,266	£ 1,622,855	(-) 373,411
Taxation (by State) ...	£ 179,555	£ 91,246	(-) 88,309	£ 554,540	£ 391,278	(-) 163,262
Public Lands ...	£ 158,104	£ 172,308	£ 14,204	£ 849,860	£ 912,992	£ 63,132
All other sources ...	£ 53,698	£ 64,088	£ 10,390	£ 375,887	£ 303,858	(-) 72,029
Gross Total ...	£ 747,966	£ 579,360	(-) 168,606	£ 3,776,553	£ 3,230,983	(-) 545,570
Refunds ...	£ 9,063	£ 8,564	(-) 499	£ 62,720	£ 51,394	(-) 11,326
Net Total ...	£ 738,903	£ 570,796	(-) 168,107	£ 3,713,833	£ 3,179,589	(-) 534,244
Business Undertakings by State—						
Railways and Tramways ...	£ 602,579	£ 650,654	£ 48,075	£ 3,088,055	£ 3,220,084	£ 132,029
Other ...	£ 55,724	£ 63,268	£ 7,544	£ 428,523	£ 412,458	(-) 16,065
Gross Total ...	£ 658,303	£ 713,922	£ 55,619	£ 3,516,578	£ 3,632,542	£ 115,964
Refunds ...	£ 8,432	£ 15,822	£ 7,390	£ 39,333	£ 74,766	£ 35,433
Net Total ...	£ 649,871	£ 698,100	£ 48,229	£ 3,477,245	£ 3,557,776	£ 80,531
Gross Revenue and Receipts proper ...	£ 1,406,269	£ 1,293,282	(-) 112,987	£ 7,293,131	£ 6,863,525	(-) 429,606
Net Revenue and Receipts proper £ 1,388,774	£ 1,268,896		(-) 119,878	£ 7,191,078	£ 6,737,365	(-) 453,713

No. 19.—State Expenditure, December, and six months, July to December.

(Transfers and Advances are not included.)

Distribution of Expenditure.	December.		Increase or Decrease (-)	July to December.		Increase or Decrease (-)
	1907.	1908.		1907-8.	1908-9.	
Governmental	£ 433,821	£ 469,585	£ 35,764	£ 2,431,703	£ 2,543,481	£ 111,778
Business Undertakings	£ 291,528	£ 351,103	£ 59,575	£ 1,787,502	£ 2,191,462	£ 403,960
Interest	£ 22,860	£ 9,519	(-) 13,341	£ 1,540,196	£ 1,553,592	£ 13,396
Sinking Fund and Redemptions ...	£ 87,500	.....	(-) 87,500	£ 225,000	£ 310,600	£ 85,600
Total Expenditure ...	£ 835,709	£ 830,207	(-) 5,502	£ 5,984,401	£ 6,599,135	£ 614,734

No. 20.—Transactions on Consolidated Revenue Account, six months, July to December.

Particulars.	1907-8.	1908-9.
Balance on 1st July	£ Cr. 1,471,344	£ Cr. 1,676,924
Revenue proper—Governmental	£ 3,713,833	£ 3,179,589
Business Undertakings	£ 3,477,245	£ 3,557,776
Other Receipts	£ 417,747	£ 700,900
Total Receipts ...	£ 7,608,825	£ 7,438,265
Expenditure proper—Governmental	£ 2,431,703	£ 2,543,481
Business Undertakings	£ 1,787,502	£ 2,191,462
Interest	£ 1,540,196	£ 1,553,592
Sinking Fund Contributions	£ 225,000	£ 237,500
Sydney Harbour Trust Sinking Fund ... ... ...	.....	£ 73,100
Transfer to Closer Settlement Account ... ... ...	.....	.....
Transfer to Public Works Account	£ 408,409	.....
Other Payments	£ 402,153	£ 598,650
Total Payments ...	£ 6,794,963	£ 7,197,785
Balance on 31st December ...	£ Cr. 2,285,206	£ Cr. 1,917,404

No. 21.—Commonwealth Revenue collected in State.

Year ended 30th June.	Taxation.			Posts and Telegraphs.	Other Revenue.	Total
	Customs.	Excise.	Total..			
* 1901	£ 820,012	£ 198,996	£ 1,019,008	£ 276,936	£ 1,019	£ 1,296,963
1902	2,323,999	488,732	2,812,731	873,312	8,223	3,094,266
1903	2,861,710	617,032	3,478,742	906,798	5,479	4,391,019
1904	2,604,048	625,738	3,229,786	941,529	5,075	4,176,390
1905	2,390,735	642,882	3,033,617	980,151	7,542	4,021,310
1906	2,563,552	670,370	3,233,922	1,065,633	15,275	4,314,830
1907	2,845,786	727,527	3,573,313	1,191,489	17,320	4,782,122
1908	3,672,146	842,590	4,514,736	1,277,439	23,655	5,815,830
+ Sept., 1908 ...	931,218	197,208	1,128,426	306,947	3,367	1,438,740
" 1907 ...	976,741	200,658	1,177,399	302,570	4,197	1,484,166

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Three months ended 30th September.

No. 22.—Commonwealth Expenditure in State.

Year ended 30th June.	New Expenditure.	Customs and Excise.	Posts and Telegraphs.	Naval and Military.	Other.	Total.
* 1901	£ 47,605	£ 29,006	£ 262,036	£ 70,744	...	£ 409,391
1902	99,252	63,450	840,685	309,146	...	1,312,533
1903	114,131	70,438	890,203	268,146	10	1,342,928
1904	167,943	69,188	950,108	298,756	...	1,485,095
1905	169,085	69,451	942,905	311,230	...	1,492,671
1906	187,340	73,431	984,371	327,734	25	1,572,991
1907	283,184	74,810	1,049,120	349,493	378	1,756,985
1908	1463,102	84,186	1,188,300	447,256	15,620	2,198,464
+ Sept., 1908 ...	£ 193,512	21,271	239,487	103,638	15	617,923
" 1907 ...	126,487	19,263	266,055	82,139	1	493,945

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Three months ended 30th September.

‡ Includes £210,796 on account of Old-age Pensions and Defence placed to Trust Fund.

§ Includes £5,000 on account of Old-age Pensions paid to Trust Fund.

No. 23.—Public Debt and Expenditure from Loans.

Year ended 30th June.	Public Debt at end of Year.	Expenditure from Loans during Year.				
		Reproductive Works.			Other Works and Services.	Total.
		Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply and Sewerage (including Water Conservation).	Harbours and Rivers (including Resumptions).		
1898	£ 63,112,720	£ 421,885	£ 538,622	£ 282,421	£ 410,215	£ 1,653,143
1899	63,762,066	589,156	579,738	370,680	486,370	2,025,944
1900	65,332,993	858,193	438,684	382,346	721,720	2,400,943
1901	67,361,246	1,085,747	532,691	505,199	661,392	2,785,029
1902	71,592,485	2,243,672	486,205	1,698,387	510,977	4,939,241
1903	77,692,987	1,683,755	554,581	2,017,346	457,704	4,713,386
1904	80,033,581	805,520	315,305	879,213	288,704	2,288,742
1905	82,321,998	501,710	242,770	465,712	361,065	1,571,257
1906	85,641,734	529,251	365,442	256,780	215,549	1,367,022
1907	85,607,832	421,742	344,345	167,677	124,789	1,058,553
1908	87,635,826	1,516,892	385,628	152,598	134,779	2,189,897

NOTE.—Redemptions of loans are not included in the Expenditure, nor are repayments to credit of votes.

No. 24.—Net Revenue and Receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1901–1902 to 1907–8.

	1901-2.	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.
Governmental :—							
Taxation—							
By Commonwealth—Balance of Revenue collected and returned to State	£ 2,385,905	£ 3,053,133	£ 2,683,417	£ 2,529,070	£ 2,742,770	£ 3,022,351	£ 3,591,371
By State	... 1,108,770	... 1,108,781	... 1,100,193	... 1,114,408	... 1,297,776	... 1,381,305	... 1,077,534
Land—	£ 3,494,675	£ 4,161,914	£ 3,783,610	£ 3,643,478	£ 4,040,546	£ 4,403,656	£ 4,668,905
Alienations	£ 1,240,032	£ 1,087,087	£ 1,116,061	£ 1,026,594	£ 1,066,741	£ 1,128,768	£ 995,069
Revenue	... 701,542	... 718,140	... 744,509	... 734,433	... 666,333	... 755,288	... 789,325
	£ 2,001,574	£ 1,805,227	£ 1,860,570	£ 1,761,027	£ 1,733,074	£ 1,884,056	£ 1,784,394
Receipts for Services rendered	£ 323,848	£ 319,179	£ 330,930	£ 320,051	£ 370,762	£ 328,501	£ 305,674
Miscellaneous Receipts	£ 268,650	£ 265,154	£ 330,088	£ 323,414	£ 284,105	£ 342,746	£ 348,475
Total Governmental	£ 6,088,747	£ 6,551,474	£ 6,305,198	£ 6,047,970	£ 6,428,487	£ 6,958,959	£ 7,107,448
Business Undertakings by the State :—							
By Railway Commissioners	£ 4,324,432	£ 4,079,788	£ 4,263,744	£ 4,527,368	£ 5,051,953	£ 5,596,428	£ 5,978,060
Sydney Harbour Trust	... 217,391	... 256,133	... 261,659	... 253,581	... 270,689	... 298,037	... 327,579
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage	... 347,710	... 376,221	... 385,793	... 473,562	... 492,196	... 496,794	... 504,092
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board	... 29,076	... 32,453	... 31,934	... 34,437	... 39,757	... 42,217	... 43,584
Total Business Undertakings	£ 4,918,609	£ 4,744,595	£ 4,943,130	£ 5,288,948	£ 5,854,595	£ 6,433,476	£ 6,853,315
Total	£ 11,007,356	£ 11,295,069	£ 11,248,328	£ 11,336,918	£ 12,283,082	£ 13,392,435	£ 13,960,763
Other Receipts (Advances Repaid, &c.)	... 49,112	... 92,829	... 103,867	... 47,753	... 8,285	... 14,108	... 35,102
Grand Total	£ 11,056,468	£ 11,388,898	£ 11,352,195	£ 11,384,671	£ 12,291,367	£ 13,406,543	£ 13,995,865

No. 25.—Net Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1901-2 to 1907-8.

	1901-2.	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.
Governmental :—		£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest on Public Debt and on Funds in temporary possession of Govt.*	737,578	895,732	831,527	883,236	938,398	907,026	706,581
Old-age and Invalidity Pensions and Administration	453,279	553,507	531,983	518,656	510,343	515,177	538,131
Other Pensions, Retiring Allowances, &c.	44,299	37,589	†131,096	†170,909	†170,685	†167,947	†205,599
Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, including Electoral Office	27,160	12,710	22,586	42,048	10,464	20,426	40,966
Parliamentary Allowances and Postage	32,694	35,014	34,746	23,210	29,129	29,503	26,295
Local Government :—							
Endowments, &c., to Municipalities	55,516	43,585	45,480	21,172	18,084	65,803	17,242
Shires ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114,494	169,865
Administration, &c....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,286	12,090
Agricultural, Pastoral, and Horticultural Societies	15,986	13,071	11,410	14,363	8,936	17,391	19,627
Hospitals and Charities§	293,630	329,919	301,274	312,226	358,295	328,885	330,114
Lunacy, including Master-in-Lunacy	125,436	147,238	138,817	128,062	135,367	135,728	144,523
Public Instruction, including Reformatories and Grants to Educational and Scientific Institutions	874,692	904,142	913,197	916,071	938,640	946,044	1,038,620
All other Services of the State under the Departments of Chief Secretary, Treasury, Attorney-General and Justice, Lands, Works, and Mines, and Agriculture	3,089,172	2,909,555	2,722,145	2,546,101	2,585,745	2,542,190	2,374,031
Total—Governmental	£ 5,749,442	£ 5,882,062	£ 5,684,291	£ 5,576,054	£ 5,705,372	£ 5,802,705	£ 5,621,574
Business Undertakings by the State :—							
By Railway Commissioners, Sydney Harbour Trust, Metropolitan and Hunter District Boards of Water Supply and Sewerage—							
Working Expenses ...	3,902,680	3,169,470	3,132,636	3,131,826	3,184,816	3,144,244	3,749,358
Interest on Capitals...	£1,981,501	£2,046,289	£2,133,548	2,167,782	2,136,660	2,229,707	2,318,516
Total Business Undertakings...	£ 4,984,181	£ 5,215,759	£ 5,266,181	£ 5,299,608	£ 5,321,476	£ 5,673,951	£ 6,067,874
Sinking Fund Instalments	274,550	369,413	369,413	319,413	360,016	405,090	406,145
Total Expenditure	£ 11,008,173	£ 11,467,234	£ 11,319,888	£ 11,195,075	£ 11,386,864	£ 11,881,746	£ 12,095,593
Public Works Fund—Transfers in aid ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,8,951	1,404,479
Closer Settlement Fund—Transfers in aid	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200,000	200,000
Total Expenditure and Transfers	£ 11,008,173	£ 11,467,234	£ 11,319,888	£ 11,195,075	£ 11,386,864	£ 12,799,797	£ 13,700,072
Advances made	132,889	169,239	72,015	2,423	8,378	31,526	90,213
Grand Total...	£ 11,141,062	£ 11,636,473	£ 11,391,903	£ 11,197,498	£ 11,395,242	£ 12,831,323	£ 13,790,285

* Excludes proportion chargeable to the four corporate bodies. † Includes pensions under Public Service (Superannuation) Act, No. 8 of 1903, 4 per cent. deductions from salaries being paid to Revenue. ‡ For years 1901-2 to 1903-4, figures for interest on capitals are approximate only, as the capital debt of the four corporate bodies was not definitely settled.

§ Includes expenditure on account of Bubonic Plague.

No. 26.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities.

(Thirteen Banks.*)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
1898 1,278,940	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293	
1899 1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,048,107	31,428,025	84,009	33,055,059	
1900 1,417,641	209,905	12,224,510	20,009,081	32,233,591	78,594	33,999,731	
1901 1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832	
1902 1,454,415	208,521	12,587,097	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,930,428	
1903 1,378,642	228,059	12,591,637	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541	
1904 1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232	
1905 1,430,335	218,555	14,859,427	22,211,627	37,071,054	140,118	38,860,062	
1906 1,504,070	313,946	16,834,690	22,585,802	39,420,492	117,629	41,416,737	
1907 1,756,696	263,018	18,729,709	24,034,857	42,764,566	153,186	44,937,466	
1908 1,759,020	294,993	17,951,589	25,958,293	43,909,887	176,122	45,140,027	
31 March, 1908 ... 1,720,484	308,685	19,559,899	24,171,544	43,731,443	208,340	45,968,952	
30 June, " ... 1,713,314	283,567	18,847,680	24,769,305	43,616,985	357,320	45,971,186	
30 Sept., " ... 1,674,024	276,681	17,816,551	25,774,100	43,590,661	399,412	45,940,778	

No. 27.—Banks of Issue—Assets.

(Thirteen Banks.*)

Quarter ended 31st December.	Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
1898 5,564,870	200,310	1,812,804	31,403,700	256,997	399,543	42,638,224	
1899 5,865,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661	
1900 5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,036,427	
1901 5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559	
1902 6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,654,744	287,025	346,997	43,630,491	
1903 5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576	
1904 6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948	
1905 8,624,083	199,177	1,799,231	32,447,659	326,750	297,237	43,694,137	
1906 7,247,347	260,016	1,819,417	34,415,596	335,979	379,602	44,457,957	
1907 9,342,531	209,454	1,746,940	37,244,216	359,038	443,636	49,345,915	
1908 9,350,942	219,924	1,793,518	39,213,472	388,925	431,377	51,428,158	
31 March, 1908 ... 9,949,156	209,635	1,778,341	37,437,277	333,199	404,916	50,112,434	
30 June, " ... 9,617,962	190,432	1,783,694	37,908,766	348,516	487,604	50,396,975	
30 Sept., " ... 9,122,490	226,177	1,795,173	39,222,608	359,073	597,438	51,323,559	

* From June, 1907, the returns of fourteen banks are shown, the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris being included.

No. 28.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.
1897	121,645,873	1903	180,961,406
1898	126,978,018	1904	177,797,335
1899	146,188,144	1905	189,826,381
1900	144,080,314	1906	220,860,512
1901	167,076,707	1907	234,169,822
1902	178,037,708	1908	227,736,243
Total, 1st January to 31st December, 1908 ...		£227,733,243	
" " 31st December, 1907 ...		£224,169,822	

No. 29.—Savings Banks.

Year. (31st December.)	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.		
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.	
	No.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1897	227,629	9,136,793	614,170	40 2 9	7 0 5	
1898	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4	7 3 4	
1899	260,825	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1	7 9 10	
1900	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 0	8 19 9	
1901	306,311	11,808,710	907,328	38 11 0	8 11 4	
1902	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10	8 16 6	
1903	331,056	12,344,623	(—) 80,841	37 3 9	8 12 5	
1904	339,602	12,743,735	399,112	37 10 6	8 14 5	
1905	355,714	13,498,252	754,517	37 18 11	9 0 5	
1906	392,050	15,320,532	1,822,280	39 1 7	10 0 2	
1907	421,928	17,530,157	2,209,625	41 10 11	11 3 2	
30th June, 1908	435,618	17,849,384	1,511,333	40 19 6	11 5 7	
" 1907	408,859	16,338,051	*1,017,519	39 19 3	10 10 2	

(-) Denotes decrease.

* Increase during six months.

No. 30.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net Earnings.	Train miles run.	Net Earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1898	2,691	37,719,402	1,412,143	8,340,338	3 4 3	23,233,206
1899	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3 3	24,726,067
1900	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,052	8,894,352	3 1 3	26,486,873
1901	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10 4	29,261,324
1902	3,026	40,505,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4 3	30,885,214
1903	3,139	41,654,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9 4	32,384,138
1904	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3 4	33,792,689
1905	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10 4	35,158,150
1906	3,390	43,626,063	1,926,407	11,863,682	3 3	37,500,531
1907	3,453	44,700,230	2,209,665	12,949,068	3 5	41,413,084
1908	3,473	45,683,484	2,229,295	14,251,052	3 1 2	47,487,030
*Dec., 1908	3,599	45,683,484	631,293	3,876,861	3 3 4	13,241,286
* " 1907	3,468	44,700,230	668,729	3,747,812	3 6 3	11,987,700

* Quarter ended 31st December.

No. 31.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters and letter cards carried.	Post cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, books, and parcels carried.	Miles of telegraph and telephone line.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1897	2,046	72,939,084	1,085,770	42,426,394	13,258,207	12,778	2,728,360
1898	2,098	75,650,065	1,331,630	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242	2,866,570
1899	2,152	75,318,608	1,408,140	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663	3,112,063
1900	2,189	78,129,284	1,473,410	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065	3,219,907
1901	2,208	81,152,977	1,630,490	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272	3,449,315
1902	2,216	89,047,055	1,734,340	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356	3,627,369
1903	2,228	90,264,671	1,973,540	37,900,840	16,305,421	14,395	3,638,591
1904	2,239	95,006,923	3,263,264	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491	3,637,280
1905	2,266	103,576,306	8,382,282	44,599,104	23,077,094	14,827	3,837,962
1906	2,288	115,062,748	12,621,096	47,144,994	25,201,131	15,417	4,452,506
1907	2,319	122,130,948	15,097,710	48,340,646	37,191,554	15,910	4,894,283

No. 32.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	All Crops. *
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1898	...	993,350	209,588	28,605	12,936	401,073	4,490
1899	...	1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573
1900	...	1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,002
1901	...	1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534
1902	...	1,392,070	167,333	32,245	8,790	442,163	4,889
1903	...	1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,899	491,918	5,041
1904	...	1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,405	496,017	5,101
1905	...	1,775,955	103,614	40,471	9,772	435,704	5,298
1906	...	1,939,447	189,353	38,543	10,313	438,036	5,279
1907	...	1,866,253	174,115	56,431	10,378	458,072	4,951
1908	...	1,390,171	160,980	75,762	9,916	542,761	4,644

* The figures in this column are exclusive of areas double-cropped.

No. 33.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£
1898	...	10,560,111	6,713,060	543,946	269,068	405,353	864,514
1899	...	9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232
1900	...	13,604,166	5,970,022	627,904	170,509	546,850	739,668
1901	...	16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190
1902	...	14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479
1903	...	1,585,097	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	806,140
1904	...	27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820
1905	...	16,464,415	4,951,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160
1906	...	20,737,200	5,539,750	883,081	201,998	459,182	831,700
1907	...	21,817,938	5,763,000	1,404,554	221,560	621,846	1,140,000
1908	...	9,155,884	4,527,852	851,776	277,390	367,800	778,500

* Not yet available. † Estimated.

No. 34.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Value per acre.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£ s. d.
1898	...	10.6	32.0	19.0	20.8	1.0	193 3 8 7
1899	...	7.0	31.4	14.0	19.8	0.7	185 2 4 3
1900	...	9.5	27.8	21.6	18.1	1.0	160 2 6 0
1901	...	10.6	30.5	20.2	19.0	1.1	197 2 8 0
1902	...	10.6	22.9	21.3	21.4	1.1	178 3 2 0
1903	...	1.2	15.1	8.2	20.9	0.5	160 1 16 10
1904	...	17.5	30.1	24.3	21.9	1.6	213 3 5 9
1905	...	9.3	25.6	16.1	20.4	0.8	175 2 0 6
1906	...	10.7	29.3	22.9	19.6	1.0	157 2 6 1
1907	...	11.7	33.1	24.9	21.3	1.4	230 2 13 3
Mean for 10 years	10.1	27.8	19.7	20.3	1.0	185	2 11 7
1908	...	6.6	28.1	11.2	28.0	0.7	168 2 11 3

No. 35.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.*	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1897	498,034	409,098	1,673,598	43,952,897	207,738
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,668	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,629,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,389,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	523,438	1,357,140	28,656,501	221,592
1904	482,663	591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
1905	506,884	644,164	1,993,809	39,506,764	310,702
1906	537,762	713,049	1,836,895	44,132,421	243,370
1907	578,326	756,916	1,994,277	44,401,839	216,145

*NOTE.—Up to 1902 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The figures for the last three years are made up as follows:—

Year.	Milch Cows.	Cows at present dry.	Heifers within 3 months of calving.	Total Dairy Cows.
1905 ..	442,950 ..	.. 154,655 ..	.. 46,559 ..	.. 644,164 ..
1906 ..	494,820 ..	.. 172,888 ..	.. 45,341 ..	.. 713,049 ..
1907 ..	506,395 ..	.. 206,828 ..	.. 43,693 ..	.. 756,916 ..

No. 36.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Bitter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	ewt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1897	303,315,000	656,973	29,409,966	3,937,168	6,544,781
1898	292,165,000	460,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	389,838	33,933,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,050,878	3,838,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,804,771
1904	250,941,000	353,082	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532
1905	297,154,000	495,157	53,040,250	4,625,980	11,652,440
1906	325,441,000	487,911	58,941,137	5,389,345	11,843,595
1907	367,446,000	490,549	60,041,449	4,586,857	10,358,526

No. 37.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis, and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index—all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver, Lead, Copper, Tin.
1901—average of year ...	1,000	1,000	1,000
1908—, , ,	1,164	1,122	1,073
December, 1902	1,087	1,183	894
,, 1903	1,047	1,096	978
,, 1904	1,123	1,142	1,092
,, 1905	1,239	1,246	1,351
,, 1906	1,346	1,381	1,600
,, 1907	1,207	1,246	1,085
January, 1908 ...	1,222	1,240	1,087
April, , ,	1,180	1,160	1,092
May, , ,	1,147	1,077	1,042
June, , ,	1,136	1,069	1,024
July, , ,	1,130	1,072	1,012
August, , ,	1,168	1,064	1,100
September, , ,	1,143	1,085	1,085
October, , ,	1,157	1,122	1,087
November, , ,	1,158	1,127	1,094
December, 1908	1,131	1,096	1,091

No. 38.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter (Best Quality).		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr.	per ton.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per lb.	per lb.	per cwt.
	s. d.	£ s. d.	s.	s.	d.	s. d.	s. d.
December, 1907	45 0	10 11 6	120	114	13	1 11	33 3
January, 1908	43 6	10 13 0	122	115	13½	1 9½	33 0
February, "	38 9	10 5 0	136	126	12½	1 8½	32 6
March, "	37 9	9 18 9	117	109	12	1 7½	32 0
April, "	38 6	9 10 0	111	105	12	1 7½	32 3
May, "	39 6	9 9 0	110	103	9½	1 5	32 3
June, "	39 0	9 7 6	106	97	9½	1 5	32 0
July, "	37 6	9 3 0	109	104	9½	1 5	32 0
August, "	39 0	9 3 0	*	*	9	1 4	32 0
September, "	40 6	8 19 0	*	*	9½	1 4	32 0
October, "	39 9	9 6 0	121	117	9½	1 4	32 9
November, "	39 3	9 8 3	118	115	10	1 4	32 0
December, "	39 9	9 12 9	107	105	10	1 4	32 0

* No quotations.

No. 39.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.		Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.
		per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.
December, 1907	...	4 5	10 2 6	14½	15	3 3	4 10½
January, 1908	...	4 6	10 9 6	15¾	15¾	3 2½	5 0
February, "	...	4 4	9 16 0	14	15½	3 2½	4 8
March, "	...	4 5½	9 16 3	14½	17	3 2	4 7½
April, "	...	4 5½	9 16 9	17	18	3 2½	4 9
May, "	...	4 7½	9 18 0	18½	18½	3 6½	4 10
June, "	...	4 3¾	9 18 0	16½	16½	3 8½	4 4
July, "	...	4 2	9 5 0	14½	14½	3 7½	4 6½
August, "	...	4 2¾	9 1 9	14½	14½	3 6	4 5½
September, "	...	4 2½	9 1 9	14½	14½	3 2	4 3½
October, "	...	4 2½	9 1 9	14½	14½	3 1	4 7½
November, "	...	4 0½	9 4 3	12	14½	2 10½	4 7½
December, "	...	3 10¾	9 4 0	12	14½	2 9	4 5
		Hay (Oaten).	Butter (Best Brands).	Cheese (Loaf).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.
		per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per doz. d.
December, 1907	...	6 5 0	10 3	6½	9½	6½	9½
January, 1908	...	6 5 0	10 3	7½	9½	7	10
February, "	...	5 9 6	12 4	7½	9½	7	13½
March, "	...	5 16 0	10 3	7½	9½	7	15½
April, "	...	6 0 0	10 3	8	9½	7	17
May, "	...	6 0 0	12 3	8½	8½	7½	18½
June, "	...	7 0 0	13 1	8½	7½	7½	18
July, "	...	7 10 0	14 2	8½	7½	8	16½
August, "	...	7 13 0	15 3	9	8½	8½	10½
September, "	...	7 15 0	12 2	8½	8½	9½	9½
October, "	...	6 2 0	12	8½	9½	9½	10
November, "	...	4 18 0	11 3	9	9½	8½	10½
December, "	...	4 19 6	10 3	6½	9½	7	11 1

No. 40.—Gold produced, January to December, and Minerals exported, January to September.

Gold yield during the twelve months 1908 and 1907.

		1908.		1907.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
January to November ...	...	203,033	862,426	222,614	945,602
December ...	...	21,759	92,428	24,749	105,128
Total for year ...	...	224,792	954,854	247,362	1,050,730

Exports of Minerals during the first nine months, 1908 and 1907.

Exports.	Nine months, 1908.		Nine months, 1907.		Third quarter, 1908.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Silver ingots and matte ... oz.	1,914,189	£ 106,669	754,850	£ 98,212	702,324	£ 69,827
Silver-lead, concentrates, &c... tons	331,919	£ 1,614,835	309,988	£ 2,669,508	134,990	£ 548,637
Lead, in matte... ...	8,347	£ 102,386	.....†	.....†	3,765	£ 47,618
Copper ingots, and ore* ... "	7,882	£ 437,532	8,777	£ 717,753	2,313	£ 131,118
Tin ingots and ore* ... "	2,069	£ 251,606	2,769	£ 467,187	679	£ 81,120
Coal—						
To Australasian Ports ... "	2,070,593	£ 918,368	1,823,626	£ 753,987	668,807	£ 299,792
," other Ports ... "	2,615,960	£ 1,402,982	2,402,214	£ 1,184,271	734,799	£ 395,572
Total Export of Coal	4,686,553	£ 2,321,350	4,225,840	£ 1,938,258	1,403,606	£ 695,364
Grand Total	£	£ 4,924,378	.....	£ 5,890,918	.....	£ 1,573,684

* The exports of tin and copper include metal refined from ores imported from other States and treated here. The quantity and value of the copper and tin ore imported during the first nine months of the years 1907 and 1908 are as follow:—

Nine months, 1908.

Nine months, 1907.

Quantity. Value.

No. 42.—Value of Minerals Produced.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.	Total Minerals Produced.
1897	£ 1,104,315	£ 1,698,239	£ 283,174	£ 49,900	£ 1,230,041	£ 4,616,145
1898	1,201,743	1,704,055	272,686	45,638	1,271,833	4,756,414
1899	1,623,320	2,070,657	395,451	90,482	1,325,799	5,959,928
1900	1,070,920	2,604,117	425,301	142,724	1,668,911	6,362,078
1901	737,164	1,854,463	412,292	76,544	2,178,929	5,680,739
1902	684,970	1,440,179	307,806	59,593	2,206,598	5,102,321
1903	1,080,029	1,501,403	462,640	150,208	2,319,660	5,957,512
1904	1,146,109	2,065,540	406,001	188,377	1,994,952	6,243,261
1905	1,165,013	2,494,052	527,403	226,110	2,003,461	6,897,081
1906	1,078,866	2,862,973	789,527	255,744	2,337,227	7,912,716
1907	1,050,730	3,915,946	727,774	293,305	2,922,419	10,295,290

No. 43.—Manufactories.

Year.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
1897	2,826	No. 44,333	No. 7,106	No. 51,439	£ 5,294,228	Not available.	
1898	2,839	44,673	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	"	
1899	2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	
1900	3,077	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,707,640	4,974,216	Not available
1901	3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902	3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,795,843	5,080,740	Not available
1903	3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,009,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904	3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,536,903	5,012,758	27,159,230
1905	3,700	56,117	16,058	72,175	7,919,950	5,191,350	30,028,150
1906	3,861	59,979	17,843	77,822	8,295,337	5,591,888	34,796,169
*1907	4,432	65,953	20,514	86,467	9,043,772	6,650,715	40,018,301

* See also Table 44.

No. 44.—Manufacturing Industries, 1907.

Class of Industry.	Number of Establishments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Machinery, Implements, and Plant.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	295	3,702	25	3,727	261,074
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	40	531	108	639	158,923
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	258	3,591	84	3,675	426,840
Working in Wood	522	5,872	24	5,896	436,816
Metal Works, Machinery, &c.	428	18,025	68	18,093	1,850,946
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	756	9,518	2,546	12,064	2,553,063
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	885	6,942	14,955	21,897	313,329
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	365	5,901	1,692	7,593	767,271
Musical Instruments, &c.	12	343	37	380	6,292
Arms and Explosives	3	14	2	16	200
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	345	3,402	62	3,464	61,922
Ship and Boat Building	36	1,704	1	1,705	163,393
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	144	2,309	172	2,481	33,696
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	58	722	384	1,106	124,208
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments ...	8	66	18	84	2,760
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	46	566	60	626	20,193
Heat, Light, and Power	166	1,977	63	2,040	1,835,803
Leatherware, n.e.i.	14	241	31	272	5,999
Minor Wares, n.e.i.	51	527	182	709	21,044
Total	4,432	65,953	20,514	86,467	9,043,772
		Value of Materials used.	Value of Fuel Consumed.	Value of Goods Manufactured or work done.	Value of Production, being value added to Raw Materials.
		£	£	£	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	†3,925,833	26,309	†4,507,210	555,068	242,761
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	487,451	7,722	686,894	191,721	45,658
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	167,982	98,418	827,680	561,280	306,927
Working in Wood	1,271,115	9,962	2,082,130	801,053	466,832
Metal Works, Machinery, &c.	5,219,699	354,896	9,160,698	3,586,103	1,884,144
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	10,210,214	127,757	13,070,786	2,732,815	898,637
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	2,073,711	18,217	3,808,917	1,716,989	1,049,406
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	536,055	19,570	1,627,489	1,071,864	637,883
Musical Instruments, &c.	52,010	299	118,951	65,742	35,298
Arms and Explosives	3,634	10	5,264	1,620	1,220
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	290,931	7,117	690,084	392,936	243,910
Ship and Boat Building	110,807	7,147	396,584	278,630	215,765
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	294,832	2,570	598,412	301,010	190,091
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	320,817	7,381	595,078	266,880	76,382
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments ...	5,689	83	19,675	13,903	6,348
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	65,652	1,009	146,043	79,382	48,548
Heat, Light, and Power	299,995	153,324	1,373,709	920,390	243,281
Leatherware, n.e.i.	75,214	431	107,947	32,302	16,805
Minor Wares, n.e.i.	120,910	1,464	194,750	72,376	40,819
Total	£25,533,451	843,686	40,018,301	13,641,164*	6,650,715

* If £160,312, the value added to articles already included in primary industries, be deducted, the total value of the production from the manufacturing industries is £13,480,852. † Including value of wool treated.

No. 45.—Manufactories—Value of Production, 1901–1907.

Class of Industry.	1901. (Census Year)	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	337,739	449,521	457,067	546,884	555,068
Oils and Fats, &c.	160,718	179,690	177,877	193,384	191,721
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	422,272	399,459	462,447	501,266	501,280
Working in Wood	649,149	669,255	645,027	691,036	801,053
Metal Works, Machinery, &c.	2,443,432	2,485,649	2,781,996	3,205,590	3,586,103
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	2,231,942	2,053,276	2,138,487	2,362,049	2,572,503
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Material	1,091,244	1,219,217	1,289,527	1,510,922	1,716,989
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	950,771	851,780	847,996	906,690	1,071,864
Musical Instruments, &c.	22,309	30,708	54,799	59,343	65,742
Arms and Explosives	1,480	1,924	1,541	2,025	1,620
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	266,016	239,727	257,251	303,433	392,036
Ship and Boat Building	148,800	205,392	179,380	198,594	278,630
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	220,434	199,025	228,903	264,437	301,010
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	74,006	148,785	199,100	222,053	266,880
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments ..	17,304	10,700	10,925	13,712	13,993
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	24,698	41,048	48,705	57,469	79,382
Heat, Light, and Power	624,567	707,356	739,397	724,286	920,390
Leatherware, n.e.i.	12,243	20,955	24,229	28,166	32,302
Minor Wares, n.e.i.	37,047	46,646	53,799	69,323	72,376
Total	9,736,171	9,900,113	10,598,453	11,860,662	13,480,852

Note.—The value of production from factories dealing with milk products is omitted, as it has already been included in the returns of the Dairying Industry.

No. 46.—Value of Production—Principal Industries—1891–1907.

The following figures represent the estimated Value of Production from the various Industries at the place of production. The figures are not exact, but are considered the best approximations from the data available.

(In thousands, 000 omitted.)

Year.	Pastoral.	Agricultural.	Mining.	Dairying.	Minor— Poultry, Bees, Rabbits.	Forests and Fisheries.	Total Primary Industries.	Manufacturing (Value added to raw materials).	Total All Industries.
1891	14,725	3,615	6,454	2,735	* -	758	28,267	7,799	36,066
1894	11,168	3,439	4,947	2,548	*	690	22,792	6,880	29,672
1895	11,774	4,101	4,499	2,546	*	715	23,635	7,006	30,641
1896	11,774	5,374	4,405	2,546	*	715	24,874	7,302	32,176
1897	11,823	6,250	4,616	2,653	*	750	26,092	8,079	34,171
1898	13,219	4,875	4,756	2,758	*	800	26,408	8,425	34,833
1899	14,527	5,609	5,960	2,543	*	639	29,278	9,207	38,485
1900	13,707	5,856	6,362	3,617	*	796	30,338	9,656	39,994
1901	12,552	7,060	5,681	3,046	*	733	29,072	9,736	38,808
1902	10,731	4,139	5,102	3,493	*	695	24,070	10,000	34,070
1903	12,777	8,359	5,958	3,276	*	779	31,149	9,600	40,749
1904	13,373	5,414	6,243	2,753	799	900	29,482	9,900	39,382
1905	17,113	6,543	6,897	3,123	1,228	1,190	36,094	10,598	46,692
1906	19,743	7,518	7,913	3,425	1,693	1,536	41,828	11,861	53,689
1907	22,281	6,588	10,295	3,567	1,708	1,382	45,821	13,481	59,302

* Prior to 1904 included with the Dairying Industry.

No. 47.—Current Rates of Wages.

NOTE.—The averages stated indicate the approximate amount earned per week all the year round, allowance being made for the exigencies of the various trades, such as bad weather, idleness through scarcity of employment, &c. Except where specially mentioned, the ordinary working week consists of 48 hours. The rates shown are practically the minimum.

Bakers (bread)—

Board hands, 52/- to 60/- per week; machine hands, 15/- to 42/- per week.

Blacksmiths, 10/- per day; average 50/- per week.

Boilermakers—

1/3 per hour, new work } approximate average
1/4 " old work } per week, 35/-

Bookbinders, 52/- per week; average 45/-

Bootmakers—

Male, 48/- per week; average 38/-
Female, 15/- " " 12/6

Brass-finishers, 1/- per hour; average 42/-

Brassmoulders, 1/3 " 50/-

Bread-carters (54 hours per week), min. 45/-

Brewery and Aerated Water Factory Hands, 40/- to 44/-

Bricklayers, 1/4½ per hour; average 45/-

Brick-carters, 1 horse, 40/- per week; 2 horses, 45/- per week; 2/6 per week extra for each additional horse.

Brickmakers—Time rate, 10½d. to 1 1/2d. per hour; piecework, average 57/6 per week.

Brushmakers, 1/3 per hour, or 52/6 per week.

Butchers (country), with board, 25/- to 30/-

" (city), without board, 35/- to 45/-

Carpenters and Joiners, 1/3 per hour; average 45/-

Carters. (See "Trolley and Draymen.")

Cabinetmakers, min. 52/-; average 56/- per week.

Chairmakers, min. 52/-; average 56/- per week.

Cigarmakers, male and female; average 45/- per week.

Coach-painters, 8/- to 10/- per day; average 45/-

Coachsmiths, 8/- to 10/- per day; average 50/-

Compositors—Piecework, 1/- to 1/1 per 1,000 ens.

" Jobbing, 56/- per week.

" Linotype (newspapers), 3½d. per 1,000 ens (flat rate). Time rate, day, 1/7; night, 1/10 per hour.

Coopers (piecework), avg. 50/- to 55/- per week.

Coppersmiths, 1/4 per hour; avg. 50/- per week.

Drapers. (See "Shop Assistants.")

Electricians—

Fitters, 9/- to 10/6 per day.

Armature Winders and Wiremen, 9/- per day.

Engine-drivers (stationary), 8/- to 11/- "

Firemen 8/- to 9/- "

Engine-fitters, 1/3 to 1 4/ per hour; average 50/-

Farriers—Firemen, 57/6 per week.

Floormen, 47/6 "

French-polishers, min. 48/-; average 51/-

Galvanised Iron-workers, 1 1/2 per hour; avg. 50/-

Grocers. (See "Shop Assistants.")

Hairdressers (59 hours per week), 45/- per week.

Hatters (felt), piecework 65/- to 70/- per week.

Ferry Employees.

Engine-drivers, £15 to £16 10/- per month.

Firemen, £9 10/- to £11 5/- per month.

Interstate and Intercolonial Steamers.

Officers, chief, £15 to £19; 2nd, £12 to £14; 3rd, £10 to £11; 4th, £8.

Firemen, £9 to £10.

Trimmers, £7.

Ironmongers. (See "Shop Assistants.")

Ironmoulders and Turners, 1/3 per hour; av. 45/- Labourers—Skilled 8/-; unskilled, 7/- per day; average 40/-

Letter-press Machinists, min. 50/- to 56/- per week; average 45/-

Lithographers, min. 60/- per week.

Malt-house Hands, 40/- per week.

Marble-workers, 7/6 to 10/- per day.

Masons and Stone-cutters, 1 1/2 per hour; avg. 40/-

Navvies; 7/- to 8/- per day; average 40/-

Painters (44 hours per week, and 48 when required), 1/- to 1/3 per hour; average 45/-

Paperhangers, 1/3 per hour; average 45/-

Pattern-makers, 10/8 to 12/- per day.

Plasterers, 1/3 per hour; average 45/- per week.

Plumbers, 1/4½ " 50/- "

Saddlers (piecework), average 50/-

Saw-mill Employees per hour, Machinists, 1s. 3d. ;

Saw Sharpeners, 1s. 2½d. ; Sawyers, 1s. 0½d. ;

Engine-drivers, 1s.

Shipwrights (adults), 11/- to 12/- per day.

Shop Assistants (adults)—

Males, 35/- to 45/-

Females, 17/6 to 25/- per week.

Slater and Tilers, 1/3 to 1 1/2 per hour.

Tailors, Coat hands, 35/- to 45/- per week.

" Trouser hands, 20/- to 30/- per week.

" Pressers, 55/- per week, or log rates.

Tailoresses (coat hands), order, 27/6

" (trousers hands), order, 22/6 to 26/- per week.

" (vest hands), order, 20/- to 25/- per week.

" (factory), order, 10/- to 20/- per week.

Tinsmiths, 1 1/2 and 1/3 per hour; average, 50/- per week.

Tobacco-workers, men, 50/-; women, 25/- per week.

Trolley and Draymen— Heavy. Light.

1 horse 41/- 42/6

2 horses 46/6 47/6

3/- per week for each extra horse. Working week not to exceed 60 hours.

Timber-carters, 1 horse, 42/-; 2 horses, 47/- and 3/- per week for each extra horse.

Tip-carters, 1 horse, 40/-; 2 horses, 45/-

Typewriters (females), 10/- to 30/- per week.

Upholsterers, min. 52/-; average 57/6 per week.

Wharf Labourers—

Deep sea, 1/3 per hour; 1/9 overtime.

Interstate and Coastal, 1 1/2 per hour; 1/8 overtime.

Wheelwrights, 8/- to 10/- per day; average 45/-

Woolwashers, 6/- to 7/- per day; average 40/-

Wreckers, 10/- to 12/- per day; average 45/-

Yardmen, 10/- to 12/- per day; average 45/-

No. 47.—Current Rates of Wages—continued.

State (New South Wales) Steamers.

Officers, Chief, £12 to £16; 2nd, £10 to £13; 3rd, £8 to £10.
Firemen, £9; £10, if 6-hour watches.

Donkeymen, £10 to £11.
Able Seamen and Trimmers, £7.

Farm and Station Hands (with rations and lodging), per week or per year.

Boundary Riders, 17/6 to 20/-
Bullock Drivers, 20/- to 25/-
Country Blacksmiths—
Station, 30/-
General (without rations), 50/- to 60/-
Dairy Hands, 17/6 to 22/6
Farm Labourers, 20/-
Harvest Hands, 35/-
Horse-team Drivers, 25/- to 30/-

Married Couples (without family)—
Farm, £70 to £80.
Station, £75 to £85.
Rouseabouts and Shed Hands, 15/- to 20/-
Orchard Hands, 14/- to 20/-
Shearers (per 100 sheep), no rations, 24/-
Stockmen, £45 to £52.
Useful Boys, 7/6 to 12/6 (age 15 to 18).
Vignerons, 15/- to 20/-

Domestic Servants (with board and lodging), per week.

Cooks (Females)—
Hotel, 20/- to 30/-
Station, 20/- to 25/-
Private house, 15/- to 20/-
Boarding-house, 20/- to 30/-
Cook and Laundress, 15/- to 20/-
House and Parlour Maid, 13/- to 15/-
Laundresses, 17/6 to 20/-

General Servants (aged 18 years and upwards), 10/- to 20/-
Nursemaids (aged 15 to 20 years), 6/- to 10/-
Useful Girls (aged 15 to 18 years), 6/- to 10/-
Waitresses (board only), 15/- to 18/-
Gardeners, 20/- to 30/-
Grooms and Coachmen, 17/6 to 25/-

No. 48.—Meteorology.

District.	December, 1908.						December— (Mean 1898-1907).			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.								
North Coast—		deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.
Grafton ...	... 75.2	89.0	61.3	4.47	6	76.8	2.95	7	68.3	38.77	
Hunter and Manning—		76.6	90.1	63.0	0.51	4	75.2	2.60	5	64.3	29.65
Singleton ...	... 72.1	80.3	63.9	1.58	12	70.2	1.83	12	63.0	48.34	
Cumberland—											
Sydney ...	... 70.6	85.6	55.5	0.01	1	68.9	2.45	6	59.8	31.74	
South Coast—											
Bega ...	... 70.2	85.7	54.7	0.83	3	69.3	1.47	6	57.2	23.89	
Northern Tableland—											
Armidale ...	... 67.0	79.5	54.4	1.17	6	67.3	2.65	9	56.4	31.78	
Central Tableland—											
Bathurst ...	... 70.2	85.7	54.7	0.83	3	69.3	1.47	6	57.2	23.89	
Southern Tableland—											
Goulburn ...	... 66.8	79.4	54.2	0.96	4	66.0	1.64	6	56.4	25.63	
North-western Slope—											
Gunnedah ...	... 77.7	93.9	61.4	3.57	3	79.0	2.16	5	66.2	24.76	
Central-western Slope—											
Dubbo ...	... 79.3	96.1	62.4	0.71	3	77.9	1.92	5	63.6	22.36	
South-western Slope—											
Wagga ...	... 75.5	91.6	59.3	0.33	3	76.4	1.10	4	61.6	21.73	
North-western Plain—											
Moree ...	... 84.5	97.2	72.0	1.52	2	81.1	1.33	4	68.7	23.23	
Central-western Plain—											
Coonamble ...	... 78.4	94.3	62.5	2.88	3	80.7	0.92	3	65.8	19.96	
Riverina—											
Deniliquin ...	... 75.7	89.8	61.5	0.15	2	73.9	0.97	3	61.9	16.46	

No. 49.—Crown Lands Selections, 1908.

The following statements show—(first) the Land Selected; and (second), the Area made available for Residential Settlement during the month of December, 1908, and during the period from 1st January to 31st December, 1908:—

LANDS SELECTED UNDER THE "CROWN LANDS ACT."

Description of Holding.	During December, 1908.		1st Jan. to 31st Dec., 1908.	
	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Conditional Purchase Leases	9	8,978	309
Original Conditional Purchases	90	10,252	1,678
*Conditional Leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these O.C. Purchases		(52)	17,704	(958)
Original Homestead Selections	11	2,384	294
Original Settlement Leases	2	13,530	127
Settlement Purchases	2
Total of New Settlers	...	112	52,848	2,410
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
Additional Conditional Purchases	...	70	9,395	1,002
Additional Conditional Leases	...	109	33,087	1,518
Additional Homestead Selections	...	10	2,909	95
Additional Settlement Leases	41
Total	189	45,391	2,656

* A Conditional Lease may be of any area not exceeding three times that of the associated Conditional Purchase, and is usually taken up at the same time as the Conditional Purchase. It is not, however, treated as an additional holding.

AREAS SPECIALLY SET APART FOR RESIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT.

Description of Holding.	During December, 1908.		1st Jan. to 31st Dec., 1908.	
	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
For Conditional Purchase Lease	7	8,336	275
Original Conditional Purchase	29	1,000	155
Original Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease in virtue thereof ...		14	9,145	495
Original Homestead Selection	23	5,232	266
Original Settlement Lease	83
Settlement Purchase	2
Total	73	23,713	1,276
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
For all forms of Additional Holdings	99	59,022	963
Additional Conditional Purchase	1	63	32
Additional Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease	18
Additional Homestead Selection	3	106	11
Additional Settlement Lease	12
Additional Conditional Purchase, Conditional Lease, or Additional Homestead Selection	7
Total	103	59,191	1,043

NEW SOUTH WALES.

GROWTH DURING 25 YEARS.

COMPARATIVE VIEW.



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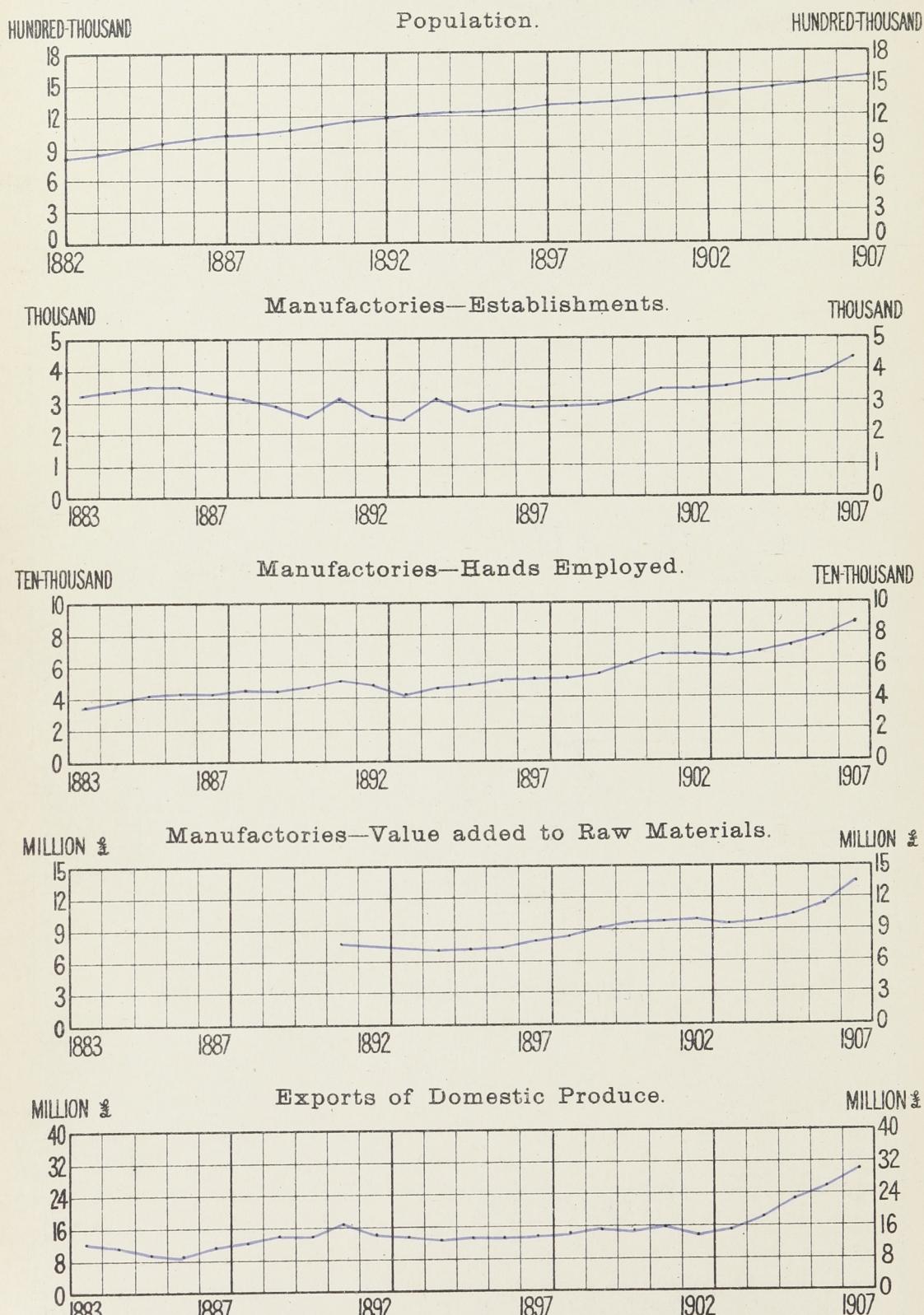
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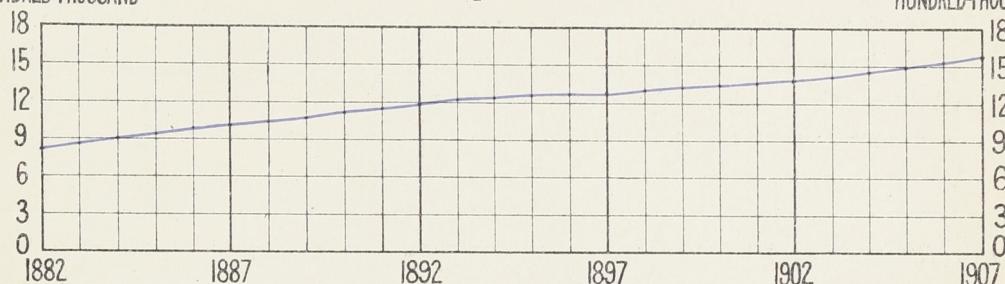


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HUNDRED-THOUSAND

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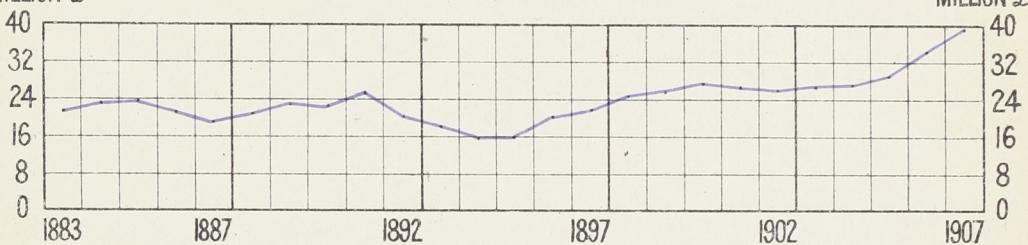
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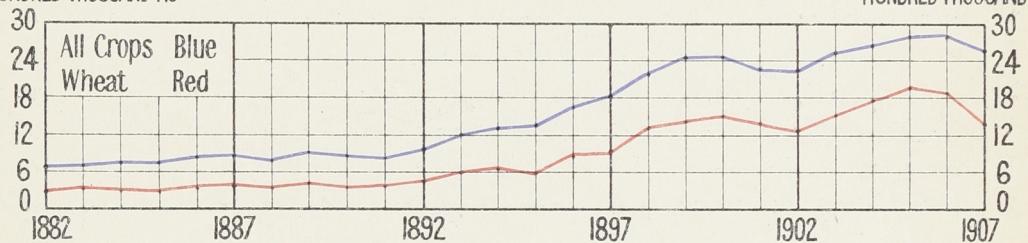
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Area under All Crops and under Wheat.

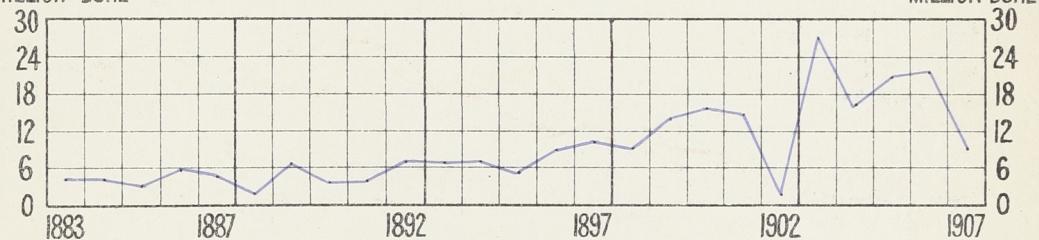
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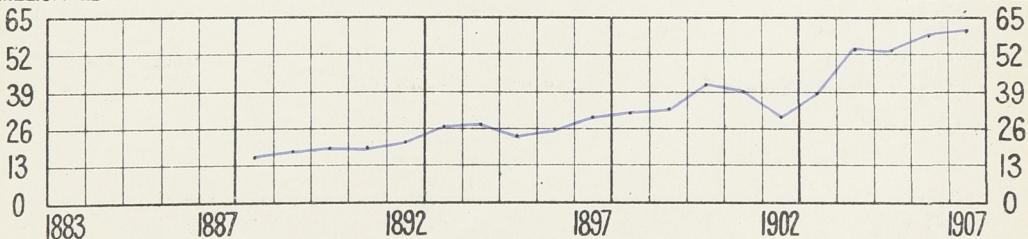
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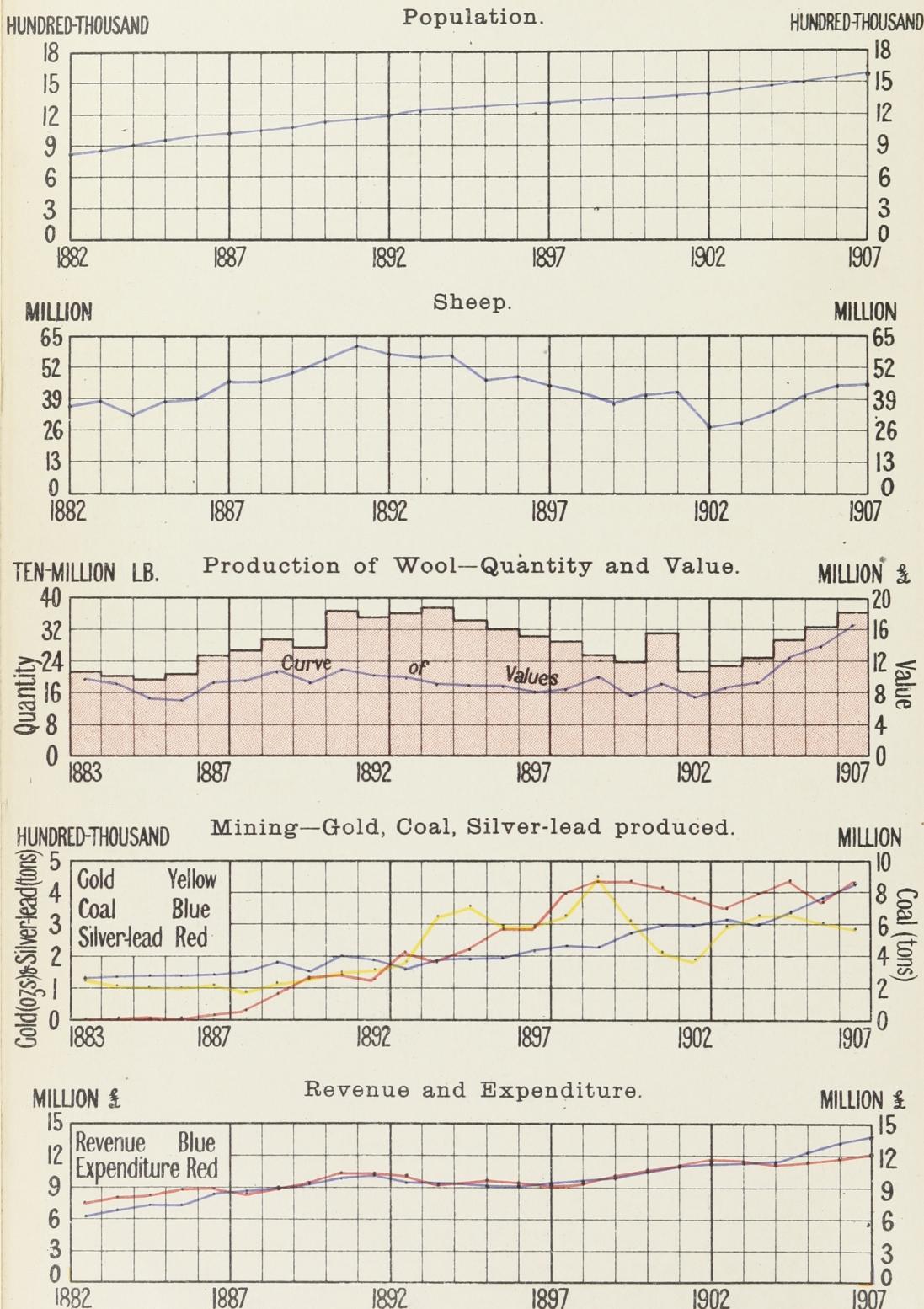
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Production of Butter.

MILLION LB.



GROWTH DURING 25 YEARS.



GROWTH DURING 25 YEARS.

COMPARATIVE TABLES.

Population.		
Years.	Mean.	
1883-1887	945,106	
1888-1892	1,121,748	
1893-1897	1,259,364	
1898-1902	1,363,789	
1903-1907	1,498,675	

Manufactories—Establishments.		
Years.	Mean (No.)	
1883-1887	3415	
1888-1892	2,865	
1893-1897	2,795	
1898-1902	3,118	
1903-1907	3,811	

Manufactories—Hands Employed.		
Years.	Mean (No.)	
1883-1887	40,357	
1888-1892	47,097	
1893-1897	47,574	
1898-1902	60,288	
1903-1907	74,172	

Manufactories—Value added to Raw Materials.		
Years.	Mean value (£).	
1891	7,799,000	
1894-1897	7,316,000	
1898-1902	9,405,000	
1903-1907	11,092,000	

Exports—Domestic Produce.		
Years.	Total value (£).	
1883-1887	68,074,400	
1888-1892	89,408,324	
1893-1897	83,235,618	
1898-1902	92,966,787	
1903-1907	139,450,747	

Imports.		
Years.	Total value (£).	
1883-1887	108,905,662	
1888-1892	112,867,261	
1893-1897	92,207,251	
1898-1902	130,511,374	
1903-1907	157,601,693	

Area under All Crops.		
Years.	Mean area (acres).	
1883-1887	773,590	
1888-1892	891,170	
1893-1897	1,472,620	
1898-1902	2,322,414	
1903-1907	2,689,664	

Area under Wheat.		
Years.	Mean area (acres).	
1883-1887	311,398	
1888-1892	373,476	
1893-1897	739,487	
1898-1902	1,389,621	
1903-1907	1,700,587	

Yield of Wheat.		
Years.	Total (bushels).	
1883-1887	21,914,657	
1888-1892	22,451,179	
1893-1897	38,152,961	
1898-1902	55,447,955	
1903-1907	95,509,578	

Production of Butter.		
Years.	Total (lb.)	
1888-1892	91,446,031	
1893-1897	132,330,294	
1898-1902	175,005,131	
1903-1907	204,330,084	

Sheep.		
Years.	Mean (No.)	
1883-1887	38,706,239	
1888-1892	54,501,640	
1893-1897	50,769,466	
1898-1902	37,196,309	
1903-1907	38,270,883	

Production of Wool.		
Years.	Total (lb.)	
1883-1887	1,070,220,000	
1888-1892	1,565,700,000	
1893-1897	1,707,357,000	
1898-1902	1,312,144,000	
1903-1907	1,466,185,000	

Production of Wool.		
Years.	Total value (£).	
1883-1887	41,903,907	
1888-1892	50,057,681	
1893-1897	44,611,005	
1898-1902	42,538,147	
1903-1907	60,402,981	

Mining—Gold.		
Years.	Total (oz.)	
1883-1887	546,654	
1888-1892	647,335	
1893-1897	1,456,728	
1898-1902	1,502,529	
1903-1907	1,541,120	

Mining—Coal.		
Years.	Total (tons).	
1883-1887	13,902,101	
1888-1892	17,738,849	
1893-1897	18,982,101	
1898-1902	26,721,213	
1903-1907	35,291,079	

Mining—Silver-lead.		
Years.	Total (tons).	
1883-1887	24,393	
1888-1892	52,3561	
1893-1897	1,190,420	
1898-1902	2,080,171	
1903-1907	1,993,748	

Revenue.		
Years.	Total (£).	
1883-1887	38,683,284	
1888-1892	47,521,126	
1893-1897*	41,719,647	
1898-1902	52,462,998	
1903-1907	62,221,526	

Expenditure.		
Years.	Total (£).	
1883-1887	42,826,477	
1888-1892	48,792,080	
1893-1897*	42,488,872	
1898-1902	52,854,074	
1903-1907	57,883,217	

* Four and a half years.